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## Kuwait, Egyptian views identical: Premier

CAIRO, Jan 9, (Kuna): The Kuwaiti and Egyptian sides concluded their first round of official talks here today following which HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait Sheikh Saad Al Abdullatif said: "We have come out from this fraternal meeting with identical points of view."

Sheikh Saad, who led the Kuwaiti side beside Egyptian Premier Atef Sedki, added the talks have

comprehensively touched on important issues topped by the situation in the Gulf region and regional and international issues.

He said both sides have also exchanged views on measures to be considered in a bid to find a united Arab stance towards the recent international changes, particularly Eastern Europe and unified Western Europe.

On the recent initiative by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to put an end to the state of no-war between Iraq and Iran, Sheikh Saad expressed hope that the Iranian leadership would respond to the call, which is a clear invitation to reinstate peace among countries of the region.

Sheikh Saad and Sedki began with a 60-minute meeting before members of both countries' delegations joined them for broader talks.

Sedki, for his part, said Kuwait and Egypt have good relations and stressed that points of view were identical over all issues discussed.

He added that both sides have agreed on supporting relations in the future and that Sheikh Saad as usual has stressed personal care of all steps that would support bilateral relations in the next stage.

The Egyptian Premier also noted that the talks have dealt with a Kuwaiti contribution in a giant

venture of reclaiming 400,000 acres in Sinai. The total cost of the joint venture will be Egyptian pounds one billion of which the foreign component totalling \$200 million will be provided by Kuwait. (One US dollar is nearly 2.1 Egyptian pounds).

Egyptian Minister of Economy Yusri Mustafa said in a statement following the meeting that an agreement was reached here today to establish a

number of joint ventures, including the opening of trade centres in the two capitals.

He said the volume of trade exchange between Kuwait and Egypt steadily increases every year, and disclosed that it reached 94 million Egyptian pounds in 1988 compared to 38 million in 1986.

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Montazeri  
briefly  
arrested:  
opposition

BAGHDAD, Jan 9, (Agencies): An Iranian opposition group said today Revolutionary Guards had raided the house of Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, once the designated heir to late leader Ayatollah Khomeini, and briefly arrested him.

The Baghdad-based Mujahideen Khalq group quoted reports from Qom as saying Montazeri's arrest on Saturday caused tension in the holy city and the guards were forced to release him a few hours later.

It said the incident followed anti-Montazeri demonstrations staged after Qom's Friday prayer meeting on the orders of Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Tehran newspapers reported several demonstrations against Montazeri in the Fazl-e-Haq theological school and outside his home in Qom, 120 km (75 miles) south of the capital.

The Mujahideen said yesterday that the anti-Montazeri protests were triggered by his recent speeches.

Khomeini sacked Montazeri as his designated successor in March. He accused Montazeri, 66, who had criticised the government's treatment of political prisoners, of being influenced by dissidents and told him to stay out of politics.

Radical Iranian parliamentarians today bowed down to a warning from spiritual leader Khamenei to back the government, Tehran radio said.

The lawmakers' move, on the surface at least, appeared to dampen a barrage of criticism of Rafsanjani's policies over the last few weeks that brought into the open a power struggle between himself and former Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi.

Tehran radio, quoted Parliament Speaker Mahdi Karroubi, a key radical, as saying: "Today, when an excellent force is in charge of the executive, all of us have a revolutionary and religious duty to help him solve the difficulties to the best of his ability."

Karroubi, addressing the 270-member Majlis, or Parliament, stressed: "We are always ready to co-operate with the government, and I assure you that any criticism ... will be entirely ... to the benefit of the Islamic order."

Khamenei, who is allied to Rafsanjani, yesterday issued a sternly worded statement warning after weeks of parliamentary sniping at Rafsanjani's six-month-old government that he will not tolerate any effort by "any individual, faction or group" to undermine the Islamic republic.

Rafsanjani told a visiting Qatari minister today that Iran wanted to avoid conflicts and co-operate with its Muslim neighbours.

### Weather

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Kuwait: 31 per cent  
Al Khaldi: 30 per cent  
Fallata: 30 per cent

## Legal action taken against Jahra meet

Interior Ministry cautions diwaniyas again

KUWAIT, Jan 9, (Kuna): The Kuwaiti Interior Ministry today once more cautioned citizens assembling in diwaniyas from discussing any concrete national issues and affirmed that legal action will be taken against violators, a ministry source said.

The source added that this procedure reasserts a ministry statement issued last Dec 28 on assembling in diwaniyas to discuss certain issues, which contradicts the positive traditional concept of these diwaniyas.

He indicated that a citizen had called for a public assembly in his private diwaniya at Jahra area of Kuwait yesterday, despite being cautioned against such a step, in violation of Law 5 for 1979 regarding public gatherings.

"To maintain law and order and in implementation of a decision by the Council of Ministers in this respect, the (Interior) Ministry took

legal measures to prevent and disperse this assembly according to Article 11 of the said law," he noted.

The Interior Ministry called on all citizens to co-operate with it and comply with state laws in this regard.

The ministry stressed it will continue to take necessary legal measures against any illegal gathering in order to preserve law and order.

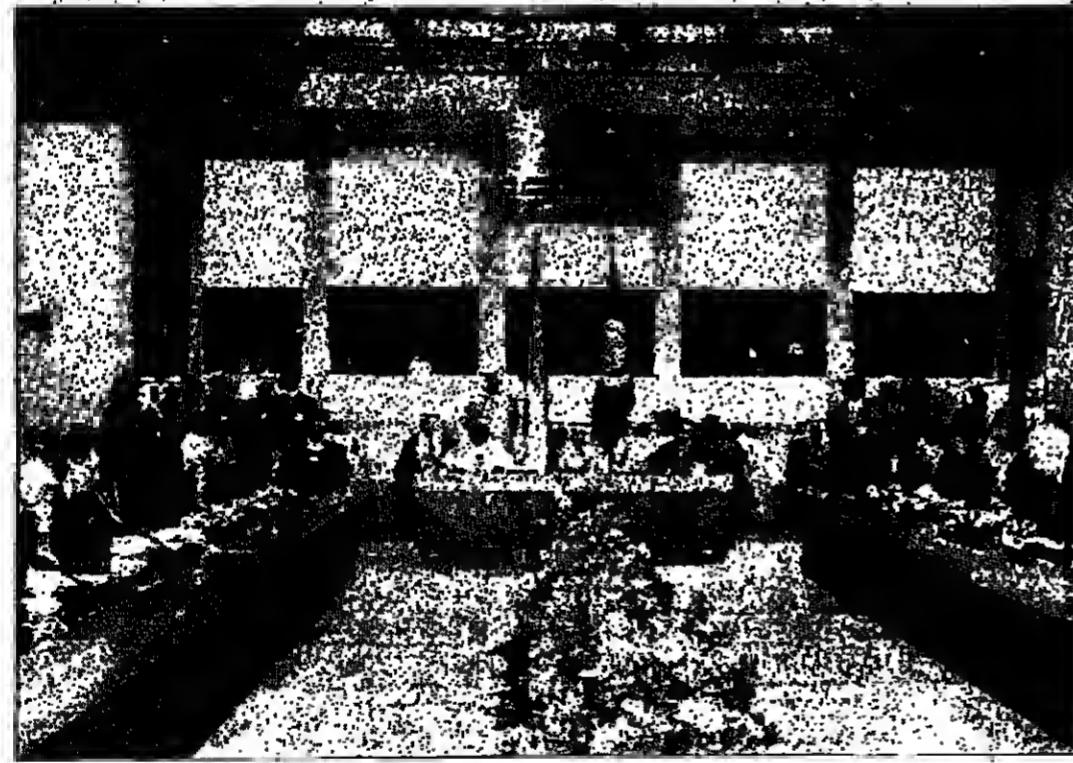
On Dec 28 the Interior Ministry called upon citizens to preserve the true spirit of diwaniyas.

The ministry called upon owners of the diwaniyas to comply with the laws and not to allow their diwaniyas to be used against purpose established by law and traditions.

The ministry stressed the importance of diwaniyas in Kuwait's social life as being a place for gathering of people to discuss their own affairs.

Turkey, Bulgaria talks prove fruitful

## Ethnic problem resolved



Sheikh Sabah presiding over the Turkish-Bulgarian talks.

## Aquino warns of coup

Tighter security for political prisoners

MANILA, Jan 9, (Agencies): Philippine President Corazon Aquino warned today that a new coup attempt could overthrow her and plunge the country into "nightmarish bloodbaths" unless the people rallied to her defense.

The military announced it had ordered tighter security at a stockade for political prisoners in Manila after uncoupling a plan by rebel soldiers to rescue leaders of last month's failed army rebellion.

Aquino, in a speech to police officers, said mutineers who wanted to overthrow her would bring a new reign of terror and tyranny to the Philippines.

The nation would continue to live under a shadow of fear so long as members of the military believed

they could change the government by force, she said.

"For as long as the gun will be used to cow the unarmed into silent obedience, and as long as the citizenry will allow itself to be bedeviled into submission, there will always be a possibility that the force and the will of an armed few may prevail over the many," Aquino warned.

She urged Filipinos "to unite and help us break once and for all this sinister threat to our freedom and democracy."

"For if our people will allow armed might to supplant this constitutional government," she said, "surely there will be no end to nightmarish bloodbaths such as those happening elsewhere in the world."

Aquino, who took office in a popular 1986 revolt that toppled the late President Ferdinand Marcos, said democracy in the Philippines was threatened by armed power-brokers and politicians driven by "overpowering greed and ambition."

More than 100 people were killed and hundreds wounded in December in the sixth and most serious attempt to topple Aquino. Army rebels have threatened to try again, accusing her government of corruption, inefficiency and weak leadership.

Aquino said only a very small portion of the military took part in the mutiny, dismissing press reports quoting a captured rebel officer as saying he believed most of the armed forces was involved. (See Page 2)

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"They have expressed their respective government's political will to improve their relations on a sound and mutually beneficial

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Benjo pictured in Royal Darwin hospital after surviving a crocodile attack. (Reuters wirephoto)

CBI man  
killed in  
Kashmir  
violence

SRINAGAR, Jan 9, (Agencies): The killing of a Central Bureau of Intelligence policeman today brought to 14 the official death toll in 24 hours of riots against India's rule in Kashmir, the country's only Muslim-majority state.

An undisclosed number of gunmen blocked the CBI officer's path in the Bemina town market and unleashed a volley of bullets, killing him instantly, the officials said.

The assailants escaped as people in the market fled in panic, they said.

They blamed the attack on militants pursuing an increasingly violent campaign to end Indian control over the state's northern region of Kashmir, which is overwhelmingly Muslim.

Buildings in the town were set ablaze, they said.

Four major towns in the northern state, including Srinagar, were under curfew after 13 people died in clashes yesterday between police and youths throwing petrol bombs and stones.

In Srinagar, a summer haven for tourists in the Himalayan valley, security forces patrolled the bazaars. Army patrols moved in to reinforce police and paramilitary forces. Militant groups are demanding independence for Kashmir or its secession to neighbouring Pakistan.

Violence surged after last Friday's anniversary of a 1949 United Nations' resolution urging a referendum on Kashmir's future.

In Bandipur, Muslims looted Hindu-owned shops, prompting police to open fire, wounding more than 20 demonstrators, officials said. Crowds in Tral set ablaze a public works department building and in Bijbehara and Handwara, police staged baton charges and fired tear gas to disperse rock-throwing protesters, officials said.

The developments came a day after wholesale rioting in Srinagar and the towns of Anantnag, Sopore and Baramulla during which security forces reportedly shot dead at least 13 people. Scores of officers and protesters were injured in street clashes.

Troops were called out today in Srinagar to assist local and paramilitary police patrols, some of which broadcast over loud speakers warnings for residents to abide by the curfew and remain indoors.

The army was also helping to enforce curfews in the three other towns of the Kashmir valley.

Witnesses, reached by telephone, said two people were killed and several injured when police opened fire in Srinagar to disperse several hundred demonstrators raising anti-government slogans.

Scores of people have been killed in the state in recent weeks as police cracked down on Muslims seeking independence for Kashmir or union with neighbouring Pakistan.



Dismantling border

Violence has reignited along the Soviet-Iranian border with protesters from Soviet Azerbaijan demanding open borders and unification with their ethnic brethren in Iran have destroyed guard observation towers, electronic alarms and communication lines along the border. Picture shows protesters setting fire to and dismantling border installations near the town of Ordubad. (Reuters wirephoto)



'O God, show us on TV'

Pakistani opposition deputies raise their hands in prayer as they squat outside the television headquarters in Islamabad to protest alleged bias in government media. Sitting second from left, grey-haired and bearded, is National Assembly's opposition leader Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Noriega may be moved

## Hearing set

MIAMI, Jan 9, (Agencies): A federal judge scheduled a court hearing today to consider a surprise request by prosecutors that deposed Panamanian强人Manuel Antonio Noriega be compelled to have a bail hearing, a court spokeswoman said.

Noriega, who has been held in a cell in the basement of Miami's federal courthouse since he was brought here from Panama last Thursday, has the right to appear at the hearing but it was not known whether he would be present in the courtroom.

A Miami lawyer familiar with the case said the government's request was related to plans to move Noriega to a new location.

A US official said yesterday that federal authorities intend to move Noriega, who faces drug trafficking charges, in a more secure jail cell in the near future, possibly to a maximum-security prison outside Florida.

But the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the exact timing and other details of the transfer had not yet been worked out.

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# Crackdown on Tamil radicals

Tigers held their own

COLOMBO, Jan 9, (Agencies): Security forces began a crackdown on Tamil militants as the leading opposition figure accused the government today of arming one of the groups in the conflict.

Srimavo Bandaranaike, a former prime minister, told a rally that the government was providing arms to the Tamil Tigers, one of the major players in the struggle for control of the Tamil-dominated northeast.

"I warn the government, the Tigers will one day turn their guns against the Sinhalese," Mrs Bandaranaike said, referring to the ethnic majority which controls Sri Lanka's army and government.

A military official, who cannot be identified under briefing rules, said security forces launched a major crackdown yesterday on armed Tamils in the region, including the Tigers.

He said no exceptions would be made and the crackdown would be "relentlessly pursued."

He reported the arrest of a Tamil man carrying an automatic rifle and grenades and the discovery of an arms cache as the first successes of the operation.

The official claimed the arrested man, Rajendrakumar, was a local leader of the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front, the chief foe of the Tigers. He is the first militant known to have been arrested for carrying a weapon in the troubled northeast, where most men are armed.

Rajendrakumar was arrested in the east coast district of Ampara. The arms cache was discovered in the northern town of Vavuniya.

The crackdown follows the partial withdrawal of Indian peacekeeping troops from the areas, where they have been stationed since July 1987 in an attempt to disarm the Tigers.

The Tigers have been at the forefront of the seven-year-old movement for an independent Tamil nation and did not abide by the 1987 peace accord, which offered them limited autonomy. Instead, they turned their guns

on the Indians, who were meant to supervise the accord, and 10 Tamil groups which accepted the peace overtures.

The internecine fighting among the Tamils escalated last fall after India began withdrawing its soldiers from the region, where they had sole responsibility for law and order. The withdrawal followed peace talks last summer between the Colombo government and the Tigers.

The estimated 25,000 Indian soldiers still in Sri Lanka are scheduled to be withdrawn by March 31, the two countries announced last week.

High motivation and high technology enabled Tigers to hold its own for two years against a vastly larger Indian force, a rebel leader said today.

"Our fighters believed in themselves their capacity to take on the mighty Indian troops. The use of new military technology also helped," Gopalasamy Mahendravajah, deputy leader of the Tigers, told a group of Indian journalists.

Mahendravajah, whose nom de guerre is Mahathaya, briefly came out of hiding to give his first interview in two years at a farming village in Vavuniya, 240 km (150 miles) north of Colombo.

The 34-year-old leader, dressed in military fatigues, said the Tigers' aim remained to send "an army of occupation" out of the country.

The Tigers, with only 2,500 fighters, held its own against the Indian Army, military sources said.

They said the rebels fought the Indians with sophisticated weaponry including rocket launchers, grenade throwers and modern small arms.

Mahathaya said the group lost 670 fighters in the fighting with Indian troops. New Delhi says over 1,000 Indian soldiers have died in Sri Lankan clashes.

The Sri Lankan government today banned strikes, demonstrations and other political activities in workplaces and universities amid fears that rebels were planning a new offensive.

# Manila troops around US base on alert

SAN FERNANDO, Philippines, Jan 9, (AP): Government troops around a US air base were placed on alert today following renewed threats by communist rebels against American servicemen, local officials and others, the military said.

Lt. Col. Fifen Fernandez, Philippine constabulary commander in Pampanga province, said Communist New People's Army guerrillas operating around the US-run Clark Air Base have stepped up their area offensive to make up for losses suffered last year.

Clark is an Angeles City, a few kilometres (miles) north of San Fernando and about 80 kilometres (50 miles) south of Manila.

Fernandez said troops in the province have been alerted and are ready to launch counter-offensives against possible rebel attacks.

"We will also meet the situation with an offensive. We are ready for any contingencies," Fernandez said. "We are

Fernandez added that last Friday's assassination of Javier Hizon, mayor of nearby Mexico town, was part of the rebel campaign.

Fernandez said more than half of the rebels operating in the province had been killed or captured in the past two years, prompting the rebels to try a new strategy of hitting civilian targets.

But, he said, "killing civilians is a sign of weakness."

Yesterday, a spokesman for guerrillas operating around Clark said they would step up attacks against American soldiers, local officials and other "anti-revolutionary elements."

And Miranda, spokesman of the rebels' Mariano Garcia Brigade, said the rebels also targeted Americans assigned to Subic Bay Naval Base in nearby Olongapo City, 80 kilometres (50 miles) west of Manila, and the US communications facility at Camp O'Donnell in Torlac province north of Angeles.

Last September, guerrillas ambushed and killed two US civilian employees working at camp O'Donnell to coincide

with the visit in Manila of US Vice President Dan Quayle. The urban guerrilla squad has claimed responsibility for the killing of two US airmen in October 1987.

About 40,000 American troops, civilians and military dependents are stationed at Clark, Subic and four other smaller military installations in the Philippines.

Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus expressed concern today that US budget cuts might reduce Washington's payments for its military bases to the Philippines this year. Manglapus also said he was disappointed with US President George Bush's administration for not pushing the US Congress to allow American military bases in Asia and the Pacific to buy Philippine goods.

## Marcos mother Body to be entombed

MANILA, Jan 9, (AP): The body of Ferdinand Marcos' mother will be entombed next Sunday, almost two years since her death in 1988, the family's matriarch said today.

Francisco Malabed said the family of the late Philippines president asked him to prepare for the funeral of Mrs Josefa Edralin Marcos on Jan 21 in Ilocos Norte province, 350 kilometres (220 miles) north of Manila.

Malabed said the decision was made by Marcos' brother Pacífico and sister Fortuna after the former ruler died in exile in Hawaii last September.

He said Josefa, who died May 4, 1988, would be kept in a refrigerated casket until both mother and son are allowed to be buried together in the Philippines.

Corazon Aquino, who became President after Marcos' ouster in 1986, has banned the burial of her predecessor here for security reasons.

## \$35 million winner emerges

NEW YORK, Jan 9, (AP): The sole winner of Saturday's \$35-million lotto jackpot turned in his ticket yesterday afternoon, lottery officials announced.

The Westchester county man asked that his identity be withheld one day, said Bill Knowlton, a lottery spokesman.

The man agreed to meet reporters with his family this morning at a news conference sponsored by the state lottery in Manhattan, Knoowlton said.

On Sunday an actress perpetrating a hoax claimed to have the winning ticket and attracted some media attention.

The New York Daily News newspaper revealed the hoax in its latest edition yesterday.

It was every editor's nightmare—a hoax that landed on page one and was the top story on the television news.

The hoax was a young woman's widely-trumpeted claim that she was the lone winner of the \$35 million New York state lottery, the largest single prize in the contest's history.

The woman, calling herself "Charlie Taylor," and accompanied by a \$400 a night hotel suite and the top story on the television news.

But Taylor was lying and her claim was an event carefully orchestrated by professional boxer Alan Abel, who once owned the New York Times in printing his obituary and on another occasion locked about 30 reporters in a room to meet an actor posing as "Deep Throat" of Watergate fame.

The New York Post put the story on page one headlined "\$35 million dollars and she's single". The Times ran a story on the lottery on an inside page and reported that the woman had claimed a win.

But the Daily News blared, "It's a hoax."

The paper said its reporter Ingrid Devita went up to the hotel suite and noticed a sign on a room that said, "slumber room, do not disturb." She opened the door and recognized Abel because she once took a course on practical joking.

Abel showed no remorse. "People are a bit upset but we are a group of merry pranksters, so what can you do?" he said.

News managing editor Matthew Stoller said Devita "went to the extra mile by opening the door." Her scoop landed in the paper's last edition just as the river was turning out its final 100,000 cubic feet proclaiming "Charlie Taylor" as the new queen of New York.

It was the latest in a series of hoaxes that have haunted the American press in recent weeks.

**MONTH'S MIND**  
IN EVERLOVING MEMORY OF

**Mr. Joseph Pashche**

A mass will be held for the soul of late Joseph Pashche, chairman of the UK Action Committee on Islamic Affairs, said the demonstration is a reminder that the affair, begun with the book's publication in September 1988, is not over.

**British Muslims begin weeklong vigil at Rushdie's publishers**

LONDON, Jan 9, (AP): British Muslims yesterday began a weeklong vigil outside the headquarters of Viking Penguin, publisher of "The Satanic Verses," while organisers appeared to distance themselves from the death threat against author Salman Rushdie.

Publisher's spokesman Bob Gregory said there was no co-operation between the Muslim's vigil and publication of a paperback edition of "The Satanic Verses."

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Threats also were made to Viking Penguin. A police officer is on 24-hour duty outside and three security guards now watch over the headquarter's plush entrance hall, with its x-ray machine of the kind used for luggage at airports.

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Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini issued a religious edict calling on Muslims to kill Rushdie.

Khomeini's action drove the 42-year-old Iranian-born writer into hiding and two Iranian clerics offered a bounty of \$5.2 million for Rushdie's death.

"Since the sensationalism has receded, what remains is a genuine and permanent bitterness in the hearts and minds of ordinary Muslims," Al Ghani said.

Although he warned that the bitterness would increase if the book were not withdrawn and other demands met, he and the UK action committee did not support the death threat.

"We appeal all the time to Muslims in Britain to keep within the limits of the law," said Iqbal Saroogi, a co-convener of the committee. "We will not condone any overstepping of the law."

The UK action committee, however, refused to condemn the death threat.

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### Indian expedition members killed

NEW DELHI, Jan 9, (UPI): Three government scientists and a naval communications technician with an Indian expedition in Antarctica have died from carbon monoxide poisoning, the government announced.

Revealing few details, including

the date of the incident, an announcement said the scientists of the Geological Survey of India and the Indian Navy servicemen were killed in the Humboldt Mountain range of Antarctica.

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Traffic stopper

Bob Havens became a traffic stopper Jan 8 as he repaired a malfunctioning traffic signal in downtown Indianapolis. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Buchwald must be paid for his idea**

LOS ANGELES, Jan 9, (AP): Paramount Pictures Corp. must pay Art Buchwald for the script idea the humour columnist claimed was the basis for the hit Eddie Murphy movie "Coming to America," a judge tentatively ruled yesterday.

"The court concludes that "Coming to America" was based upon a material element of or was inspired by Buchwald's treatment," Judge Harvey A. Schneider wrote in a 34-page statement released yesterday morning.

**Official**

The decision becomes official in 10 days unless attorneys on either side raise issues not covered by it. After that, the ruling could be appealed.

In his ruling, Schneider did not specify how much Buchwald should be paid but did say that the amount will not include punitive damages. The Los Angeles county court judge also took pains to specify that Murphy contributed considerably to the finished film.

The judge ordered a new phase of the breach-of-contract trial to determine how much money Paramount owes Buchwald.

"We do not agree with the judge's decision," Paramount said in a statement. The company said there would be an appeal. Murphy was at work on a movie to be located in Modesto and could not be reached for comment.

Buchwald expressed joy at the ruling, but quipped that he wouldn't write any more movie ideas for the next 10 years.

"I am very, very happy. This is not only an important thing for me. I think it's really important for writers," he told the Associated Press in a telephone interview from Washington.

**Profits**

"I didn't know what I was getting into when I started because those guys play rough, and we beat them. And that makes me very happy," Buchwald said.

Pierce O'Donnell, Buchwald's attorney, said Buchwald and his partner, producer Alain Bernheim, could stand to collect \$5 million to \$10 million in their share of the film's profits.

Paramount maintains the film, which has grossed in excess of \$300 million since its 1988 release, has yet to show a profit. In his opinion, Schneider ruled that the humourist did not base his idea, entitled "King for a Day," on a 1957 Charlie Chaplin movie entitled "A King in New York."

## Abstinence

To find the right mate

CHICAGO, Jan 9, (AP): Some holdouts from the sexual revolution have banded together in the National Chastity Association, a group that believes abstinence is the best way to find the perfect mate.

The group is the brainchild of Mary Meyer, a 37-year-old mother of two who says "I love sex," but thinks it's not the best route to forming "an everlasting happy relationship."

Ms Meyer, who's been married and divorced "more than once," said yesterday she learned the hard way that sex before marriage can lead to "unnecessary pain" in relationships.

"I did not save sex until marriage in all of my marriages," she said in a telephone interview. But after a lot of soul-searching, Ms Meyer said she developed 19 concepts of a desirable relationship that form her group's ideology.

The group is a kind of dating service to help people meet others who share their values. Members don't have to follow all the "19 desires," but they must agree with most of them, Ms Meyer said.

Members pay \$15 a year, and get their names published in a group directory that lists brief self-descriptions.

After being in operation for just nine months, the association has managed to attract about 270 members from the United States and Canada, Ms Meyer said.

Desire No. 15 has prompted the most controversy. It says, "I want to save handholding, kissing, caressing and sexual intercourse until I'm actually married."

"That's certainly talked about a little bit more than any of the other 19 desires," she said. Some say it would make it impossible to know if a date is Mr or Ms right.

But Ms Meyer responds, "I have no doubt that I can determine ... if we're meant for each other without being romantically physical."

Another possible stumbling block is No. 11, which says being free of drugs, alcohol, smoking and anxiety for at least two years before marriage is desirable.

"It's the first group that I've really run across where people really had a very positive attitude toward sex," said David Dismore, a 43-year-old self-described virgin from Los Angeles who says he's still waiting to meet the right person.

## Dance Music awards

### Soul II favourite

LOS ANGELES, Jan 9, (UPI): The English group Soul Outdistanced Dance Music divas Paula Abdul and Janet Jackson to grab the most dance music award nominations announced yesterday.

The award honors the year's most popular and innovative dance tunes and the musicians and record companies behind them. Nominations and winners are selected by disc jockeys and nightclubs operators nationwide in addition to a 50-member panel of record label executives.

A newcomer to the American music scene, Soul II Soul was nominated in six of 21 categories including best dance group, best dance artist and best new artist on a major label.

Abdul, Jackson and Bobbi Brown were runners-up with four nominations apiece.

Abdul, a former Lakers cheerleader who has choreographed music videos for Jackson and others, received nominations for best dance artist and best dance music video, as was Jackson.

The list of categories include best rap group, best dance music artist, best dance music re-mixer and best dance music label.

## Film critics vote 'Drugstore Cowboy' best 1989 movie

NEW YORK, Jan 9, (AP): "Drugstore Cowboy," an independent film about a small group of drug addicts who steal from pharmacies, was voted best film of 1989 by the National Society of Film Critics.

Gus van Sant Jr. was voted best director for the movie, his screenplay, co-written by Van Sant and Dan Yost and based on an unpublished novel by James Fogle, also was cited.

"The Fabulous Baker Boys," the story of two pianists who add a woman singer to their night club act, also won three awards from the society, which comprises

39 critics of major national publications.

Michelle Pfeiffer was chosen best actress. Sean Bridges was best supporting actor and the film received the best cinematography award for the work of Michael Ballhaus.

Daniel Day-Lewis was chosen best actor for his portrayal in "My Left Foot" of Christy Brown, who overcame cerebral palsy and poverty to become a noted Irish artist and writer.

Anjelica Huston was picked best supporting actress for her role in "Eatenies, a Love Story," based on a novel by Irish novelist James Joyce.

# Lagging in health and educational progress America is failing its children

WASHINGTON, Jan 9, (UPI): The US is failing its children, ranking behind Libya, Cuba and Singapore in key measures of health and educational progress, the children's defence fund said yesterday.

In an end-of-the-decade report card, the Advocacy Group said the "unsatisfactory" performance of the US in caring for children is reflected in all 50 states and the district of Columbia.

Assigning grades in 20 categories including reducing infant mortality and funding programme such as Head Start, the CDF said only Vermont managed a mark of 65 out of 100, and only Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Connecticut and Delaware joined it in scoring higher than 50.

The average grade was 32 per cent, and

20 states scored 25 per cent or less. New Mexico had the worst grade, 10 per cent, and Colorado, Idaho, Kansas and South Dakota earned marks of 15 per cent.

"As the wealthiest nation on earth and the standard-bearer of democracy, we have an 'a' capacity to care for our children, but an 'F' performance on many key indicators of child well-being," said CDF president Marian Wright Edelman.

"In many important areas affecting children we do not even rank in the top 10," Edelman said, calling for childcare legislation as well as increased funding for government programme including Medicaid and Head Start.

In comparisons with other countries, the report said then US ranked:

Hoog Kong and Spain.

■ 22nd in childhood mortality, behind East Germany and Singapore.

■ 15th in childhood immunisation against polio, behind Hungary and Poland.

■ 19th in teacher-student ratios in public elementary and secondary schools, behind Libya, Lebanon and Cuba.

Black US children, compared with children in other countries, ranked:

■ 30th in infant mortality, with a black child in Boston having less chance of surviving its first year than a child born in Panama or North or South Korea.

■ 49th in childhood immunisation against polio, behind Botswana, Sri Lanka, Albania and Columbia.

The report, which was based on studies

by the US government, the UN children's Fund and other sources, also found:

■ In a study of eight industrialised countries

— the United States, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, West Germany, Canada, England and Australia — the United States had the highest child poverty rate.

Children are the poorest US citizens.

■ The United States and South Africa are the only industrialised nations that fail to provide universal health coverage for children and parents or to provide parental leave.

■ The United States has the highest teenage pregnancy rates among six industrialised countries studied, including France, England and Wales, Canada, the Netherlands and Sweden.

## Patient made to starve

### Mercy killing of coma woman

THE HAGUE, Jan 9, (Reuter): Dutch doctors yesterday began starving to death a woman who has lain in a coma for 15 years, complying with her husband's wish that she be allowed to die.

The mercy-killing case has aroused a torrent of criticism from doctors who say that starving 47-year-old Ineke Stinissen is a particularly gruesome way of ending her life.

Doctors at Wiedenbroek Coavalescent Home in the eastern town of Haaksbergen stopped feeding Stinissen, who was expected to die in several weeks, a lawyer for the family said.

Stinissen fell into a coma after an anaesthesia error while giving birth in 1974 and her husband Gerhard has waged a long court battle to force the coavalescent home to let her die.

In November last year, a Dutch court ruled Ger-

hard Stinissen had no right to force doctors to end his wife's life.

But it left the way open for doctors to let her die by ruling that her artificial feeding was medical treatment which they had discretion to stop — rather than life-sustaining treatment, which doctors are ethically bound to continue.

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It is widely tolerated under strict medical guidelines, but only when fatally ill patient is conscious and can make his or her wishes clearly known.

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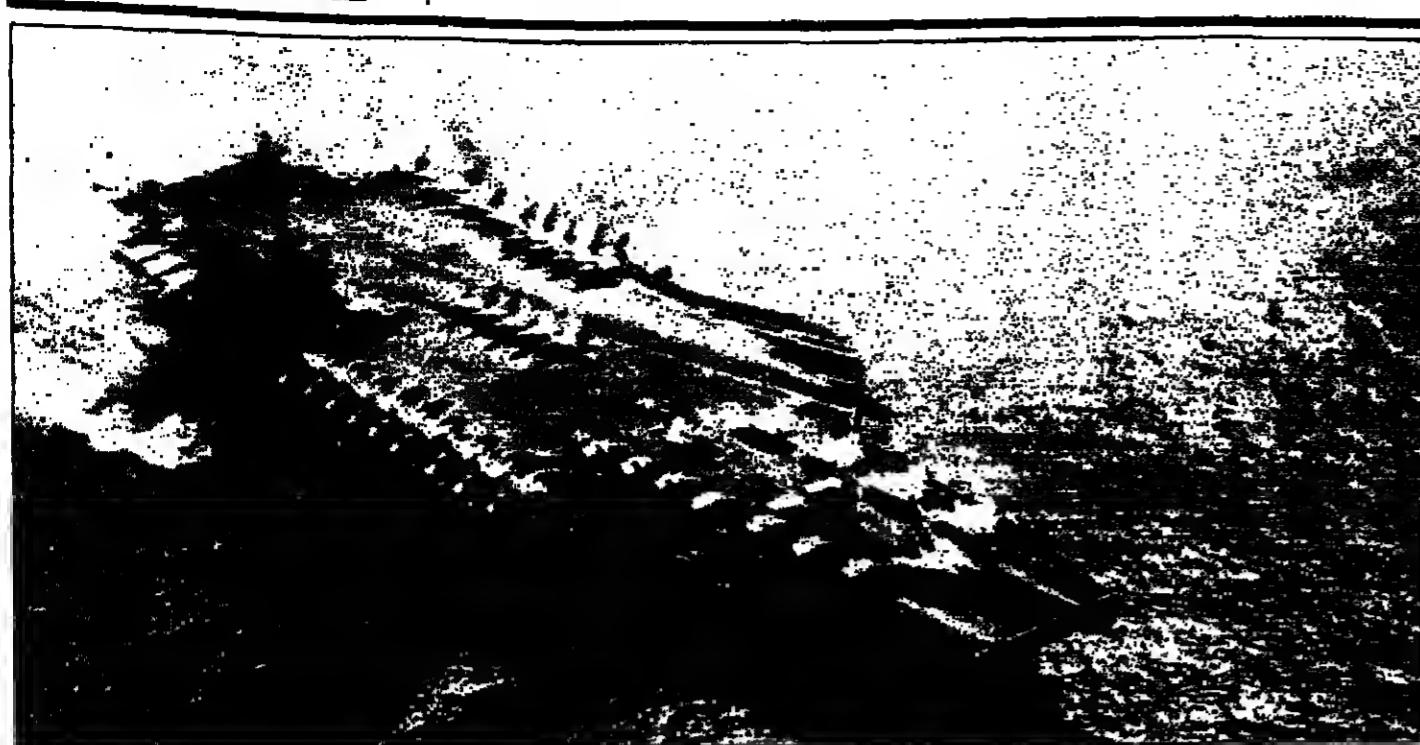
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## Drug sentinel

File photo of aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy, which Colombian press reports said was dispatched for Colombia's Caribbean coast to stop boats and planes used to smuggle drugs. The US Defense Department said it was deployed for routine training in the Atlantic operating area. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Barry denies Jackson criticism

WASHINGTON, Jan 9, (AP): Mayor Marion Barry claims Jesse Jackson would be the laughing stock of America if he ran for mayor of the nation's capital, a newspaper has reported.

"I don't understand it," Barry said Sunday. "I couldn't possibly have said what they said I said (about Jackson)."

The Los Angeles Times newspaper reported Barry's remarks about Jackson, a former presidential candidate, civil rights leader and potential rival for mayor, in its Sunday editions.

In a profile story, Barry compared himself to Jesus and Gandhi, both of whom he says were persecuted for doing good work. At another point, the mayor spoke of his sexual prowess and made a hasty stop at a lingerie shop to browse.

In the story, Barry was quoted as dismissing the possibility that Jackson, who moved to Washington from Chicago last summer, would enter this year's mayoral race.

Barry was also quoted as saying he was "invincible" and predicted he will get at least 65 per cent of the vote in the Democratic mayoral primary this fall.

Barry was also quoted as vowing revenge on political allies who have abandoned or criticized him.

"Chickens, goats and Judases," the three-term was quoted as saying. "I'm gonna cut 'em off at the knuckles." Barry indicated he was especially angry with several campaign fund-raisers who he said had deserted him and were talking to the media about him.

"Jews, too," the mayor was quoted as saying, referring to two fund-raisers who were not identified in the article. "Jews should be the last to spread rumours, they've been persecuted themselves."

John Brownell, an assistant managing editor at the Los Angeles Times, said the remarks attributed to Barry were "absolutely true."

"We have reported exactly what we heard," Brownell told the Washington Post newspaper. "The reporter spent a good deal of time with the mayor, and we are very confident the article reflects accurately our experiences with him."

**Black's bid to be S. Carolina gov.**

GREENVILLE, South Carolina, Jan 9, (UPI): Experts believe it would be an uphill battle, but that doesn't seem to bother state Senator Theo Mitchell, who wants to become the first black governor of South Carolina.

The 51-year-old Democrat, a Greenville lawyer, announced at a bus stop plaza named in his honour that he will seek the Democratic nomination for governor in the June primary election.

"It is my fervent belief that I have a duty to commit my life to this endeavour as I have attempted to do in my public career."

Mitchell told a gathering of supporters and news media.

## No blockade, assures US

Bogota FM won't quit

WASHINGTON, Jan 9, (Agencies): The US government said publicly yesterday it was not planning a naval blockade off Colombia as part of its fight against drug trafficking, and the Colombian government said it had received private assurances as well.

A Colombian official in Bogota late yesterday ruled out a radio report that the Foreign Minister Julio Londoño Paradares would resign.

"I know that the Colombian foreign minister is on holiday, is currently on the Islands of San Andrés and Providencia, and I know that he will return tomorrow to his office in the Foreign Ministry," Colombia's Ambassador to the United States Victor Mosquera Chaux told the independent radio Caracol.

The radio station had earlier reported that Londoño, who had strongly criticised the United States, was going to resign.

A statement issued by the Colombian embassy said the United States had said it would not interfere with Colombian flag ships, even on the high seas, without the permission of Colombian Defence Ministry.

Other Colombian officials had accused the United States of moving toward a naval and air blockade, generating some confusion over the weekend as to the respective positions of the two governments.

The State Department spokeswoman said there have been no more than low level consultations on the subject of increased US efforts in the area thus far with Colombian officials.

The military attacked leftist guerrilla strongholds yesterday with A-37 fighter jets donated by the United States to help in Colombia's drug war, the Caracol radio network quoted military sources as saying.

Meanwhile, authorities found the body of the Mayor of Achi, a town 527 miles (843 km) north of the capital, three days after leftist guerrillas had kidnapped the official, Caracol reported.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, travelling with President George Bush on a trip to Orlando, Florida, said that two US ships had left port and were on manoeuvres in the

atlantic but that future deployment near Colombia would depend on talks with the Barco government. He said no agreement had been reached in preliminary discussions and praised the Colombian government for prior co-operation.

Dismissing the significance of suggestions that Colombia would reject a US naval role off its coast, Fitzwater said, "I think the problem is we haven't had a chance here to really explore it with them." He said the United States was not taking blocking action now.

Meanwhile, Defence Department spokesman Pete Williams said Defence Secretary Dick Cheney plans to unveil the administration's plans for military involvement in the anti-drug battle next week.

Bush has looked at sending US warships off the Colombian coast to help monitor and intercept narcotics traffickers, Defence Department sources have said.

The aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy has been chosen to lead such an effort if the White House gives the signal to move forward, the sources have said. However, it has been unclear whether Colombia will agree to the plan.

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It was the first Contra group to return under the auspices of a joint United Nations-Organization of American States committee charged with supervising demobilization of the rebel forces.

Luis Ley, a long-time official of the rebels' Honduras office, said his group had decided to return as an expression of support for the Central American peace process and to "contribute to the process of national reconciliation."

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Picture shows Luis Ley and Commandante Johnson wiping away his tears as he embraces his mother Teodora. He has not seen his mother in nine years. (Reuter wirephoto)

## No hand in priest killings: top brass

SAN SALVADOR, Jan 9, (UPI): The military contends its high command was not involved in the slayings of six Jesuit priests but acknowledged some officers may be linked to the slaughter.

"The high command is not linked to this act," a spokesman for Salvadoran armed forces said yesterday. The high command consists of the defence minister and the armed forces top three officers.

The spokesman, however,

admitted some officers could be involved in the incident, which sparked international outrage and for a time had threatened US aid to the Central American nation.

"One thing is evident. Someone gave the order," the spokesman said. "This is an isolated act, outside any institutional policy."

The motion by attorney Michael O'Kane, representing Panamanian pilot Daniel Miranda, asked the court to compel release of classified information from a telecommunications monitoring operation at the US Southern Command...

The indictment charges that Miranda flew \$800,000 in drug money from Florida to Panama in 1983.

Meanwhile, attorneys for other co-defendants said yesterday there have been discussions with prosecutors — but "no deals."

Officials in the Bush administration have said they're not worried about potentially embarrassing disclosures in the Noriega case.

Other attorneys said there have been initial talks with Noriega co-defendants the government might want for witness.

"There was a very preliminary exchange of amazement where the possibility of some settlement was discussed," said Samuel Burstin, attorney for Luis Del Cid, a former Panamanian Defence Forces official and key aide to Noriega.

A researcher who met with Noriega last year said Noriega told him "the United States began its campaign to remove me" after he refused to allow Panama to be used as a base for the US-backed Nicaraguan Contras.

Cristian characterised the investigation into the killing as proof of his administration's commitment to protect human rights.

Cristian is a member of the right-wing Nationalist Republican Alliance, or Arenas.

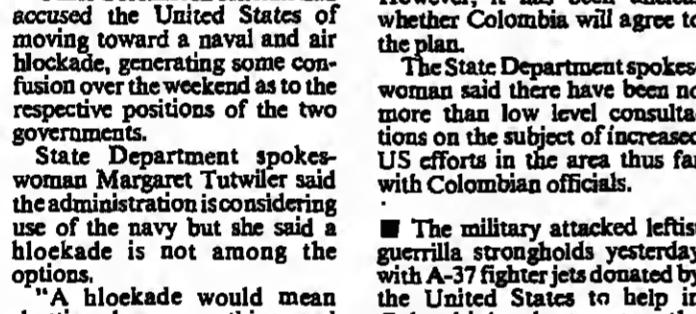
The slayings, reportedly

carried out by a group of armed men who entered the priest's living quarters on the campus of the Jesuit-run University of Central America, occurred during a massive rebel offensive that turned San Salvador into a battleground between government troops and leftist guerrillas.

The slain Jesuits, including the university's rector, Ignacio Ellacuria, were considered El Salvador's top leftist intellectuals.

El Salvador's Roman Catholic church was quick to blame

elements of the armed forces for the killings, and Cristian immediately promised a thorough investigation.



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## Billy Carter's autobiography contends grand jury probes left him broke

ALBANY, Georgia, Jan 9, (AP): Federal investigations of Billy Carter's activities destroyed him financially, the brother of former president Jimmy Carter said in a book he wrote before his death in 1988.

Grand juries investigated Billy Carter's role in the family peanut warehouse and whether the business helped bankroll Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign.

A grand jury is a panel of citizens who review evidence and decide whether a case should go to trial and, if so, which charges

should be filed.

The Senate held hearings into Billy Carter's involvement with a deal between the Lihyan government and a US oil company. And the former president's younger brother also got into trouble with the Internal Revenue Service.

Carter wrote that testifying and defending himself was a full-time job for two years, required four law firms and "cost me a small fortune."

The hearings "wiped me out finan-

cially," Carter wrote in "Billy," published by Edgehill Publications, a subsidiary of Edgehill Newport, a centre for the treatment of alcoholism and drug abuse at Newport, Rhode Island. The book is in limited national distribution in hard cover and paper back.

Carter had nearly completed the book before he died of pancreatic cancer in September 1988. Writer Ken Estes and Sybil Carter, Billy's wife of 33 years and co-author of the book, completed the final

chapter.

In part, the book is an effort to "set the record straight" and a way for Carter to help others battling alcoholism, Mrs Carter said in an interview with the Albany Herald.

"He never ceased to be amazed that people would come up or send letters that said: 'I quit drinking because of you.' It really touched him."

People identified with Billy because he said what he thought, Mrs Carter said.

## Noriega to be moved to a more secure jail

Deal sought with general's co-defendants to strengthen case

MIAMI, Jan 9, (AP): A newspaper reported today that US officials plan to move Manuel Antonio Noriega to a more secure prison out of the state of Florida, but two of the deposed Panamanian leader's attorneys said yesterday they had no knowledge of the move.

In other developments US prosecutors are trying to woo co-defendants of Noriega into striking deals to testify against Noriega and bolster the government's case, US officials and lawyers said.

The New York Times, quoting an anonymous person involved in the

planned move, said the likely site for Noriega's future confinement is the federal penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia, about 600 miles away.

Noriega is in a special holding cell deep within the downtown US courthouse in Miami, said sources who spoke on condition they not be identified. US marshals and Noriega's attorneys refuse to say where he is.

Steven Kollin, one of Noriega's attorneys, said last night, "up until now they (US marshals) have not intimidated in any way that they're going to remove him (from Miami). However they have told us,



MP Eva Ott stands next to a soldier at a military checkpoint in Panama City. Female military personnel were used for many parts of the Panama invasion. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Women in combat

## Role debated

WASHINGTON, Jan 9, (UPI): US Army Captain Linda Bray's role in the Panama campaign has revived debate on an old military question — should women be given frontline combat roles?

When Bray led her platoon into a battle against Panamanian soldiers during last month's US invasion, she was believed to be the first woman to lead US men into combat.

Women make up 11 per cent of US military forces, flying warplanes and performing combat support duties.

But they are barred by law from being assigned to fight in the navy or air force and an army regulation prohibits combat assignments for women.

Bray, 29, was ordered on Dec 20 to base her military police platoon in what was believed to be a deserted Panama Defense Force building housing dog kennels.

Her 30-man platoon, armed with machine-guns, grenade launchers and rifles, found the building defended by Panamanian soldiers loyal to deposed strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Three Panamanian rebels were killed in a three-hour battle.

The Pentagon said later that no women were among the 23 US soldiers killed in the Panama invasion but several wound up in combat.

A Democratic Party representative, Patricia Schroeder, said Bray's action showed the time had come to recognise women's combat ability. She said she would introduce a bill to put women into an army combat unit on a test basis.

Opponents, however, remain strong. Those who want to keep the ban question whether women have the physical and psychological strength and stamina for prolonged combat. They suggest women in the front line might distract men or otherwise weaken fighting units.

The New York Times said in an editorial that the issue "reaches deep into the relations between the sexes and is fraught with politics and prejudice."

President George Bush said last week he was against removing the laws and regulations barring women from combat. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Senate armed services committee chairman Sam Nunn said they saw no need to lift the ban.

Nunn said women soldiers did a superb job in Panama, but US commanders there told him "they could not have been expected...to perform the direct, frontline combat roles."

## Drugs flowing despite arrest

Noriega factor affect nil

WASHINGTON, Jan 9, (AP): Experts say the flow of illegal drugs and drug money will be little affected by the arrest of Panama's Manuel Antonio Noriega, who is accused of allowing his nation to be used as a way station for the cocaine trade.

"It inconveniences the Colombians no doubt some, but nothing that's going to make any noticeable difference to America's drug problems," said Peter Reuter of the Rand Corp., a military-oriented research group.

"No one ever said that Panama was the exclusive, or even the dominant, laundry. Laundries are available in a lot of places," Reuter said.

The Drug Enforcement Administration also is reluctant to expect any remarkable decline in drug trafficking or money-laundering now that Noriega is in US custody.

"No single event, no matter how significant it is, will result in the immediate impact on availability of drugs in the United States," said Frank Shultz of

## INTERNATIONAL

### Hormone may help to lower pressure

DALLAS, Jan 9, (UPI): A hormone used experimentally to treat cancer and AIDS appears to dramatically lower high blood pressure in rats, and tests will soon begin to see if it helps humans with hypertension, researchers reported.

Researchers at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in Utica, N.Y. found that a tiny amount of an immune system hormone, called Interleukin-2 (IL-2), normalises high blood pressure in rats.

Richard Tuttle, who directed the study, said he was so surprised by the first impressive results in rats that he had three different laboratory technicians repeat the tests.

"I literally did not believe it for six months," said Tuttle, whose findings were published yesterday in Hypertension, a journal of the American Heart Association.

The Food and Drug Administration approved tests of IL-2 in humans with high blood pressure last week, Tuttle said. That study will take place at the state University of New York's Health Science Centre in Syracuse.

Tuttle's team found that IL-2 reverses high blood pressure in adult rats and prevents further blood pressure increases in young rats with all stages of hypertension.

Furthermore, the beneficial action of IL-2 appears permanent. Almost one year after about 100 rats received a single injection of IL-2, the animals' blood pressures still have not risen, researchers said.

Tuttle stressed that his findings do not transfer automatically to humans, and the work must be repeated by other scientists.

If the hormone treatment works in humans the way it does in rats, Tuttle said, "IL-2 could become a major factor in the control of essential hypertension."

High blood pressure, which boosts the risk for stroke and heart attack, afflicts more than 60 million Americans, the heart Association estimates. About 90 per cent of cases have no known cause, and are called "essential" hypertension.

IL-2 is a natural hormone produced by cells of the thymus and spleen, two key elements of the body's immune system. It has been possible only recently to use genetic engineering to produce IL-2 in large enough amounts to be used as a drug.

### Seaweed pads heal wounds

VERO BEACH, Florida, Jan 9, (AP): Long, slimy, brown strands of seaweed that have been refined into what looks like a soft, white cotton pad are part of an experimental wound treatment being tested at a Florida hospital.

The seaweed "wrap" is being used at Indian River Memorial Hospital to treat infected and non-infected wounds, including bed sores, diabetic ulcers and trauma injuries.

"When they told me seaweed, I had a vision they would wrap me in smelly seaweed," said Blanche Lay, recuperating at the hospital from ankle surgery to remove an abscess. "This pad really does ease the pain."

The seaweed product, known as "Sorbsean," is manufactured by Dow B. Hickman Inc. of Texas and has been marketed in England since 1984. The white, cotton-like sheet is being tested at 12 medical centres around the country.

"The hospital was chosen as the only test site in Florida," said enterostomal therapy nurse and patient-care co-ordinator Lisa Carothers. "And it's working wonders."

Sorbsean is made of the salts of alginic acid, or alginates, which are carbohydrates occurring naturally in brown seaweeds as a component of the cell wall, researchers say.

In 1972, the Food and Drug Administration recognised alginates as safe food ingredients, and they are often used in soups and jellies.

Medicinally, ancient sailors reportedly used seaweed as a wound dressing. Alginates are also being used in dentistry as oral hemostats and as dental impression material.

Carothers said she first cleans a wound with saline solution, cuts the seaweed dressing to fit and applies it to the wound. Then she covers it with a non-adhesive tape.

### Anti-imperial attacks expected

TOKYO, Jan 9, (Reuters): Japanese security officers said today they expected leftist extremists to launch more anti-imperial attacks before Emperor Akihito formally ascends to the throne in November.

Yesterday radicals fired homemade rockets at the home of Akihito's younger brother in Tokyo and at the former imperial palace in the ancient capital of Kyoto to western Japan.

The attacks came after ceremonies on Sunday marking the first anniversary of the death of Emperor Hirohito, Akihito's father, who died at the age of 87.

Police said they suspected one of three left-wing groups that want an end to Japan's imperial system.

A police security official said the extremists had set 1990 as the year for their "decisive battle" against the emperor.

"The rocketeers are a signal that the extremists are vowed to launch an offensive before the formal enthronement of Emperor Akihito," he said.

The largest of the three groups, the Chukaku-Ha (central core faction), said in one of its publications last August that it would launch an offensive in 1990 to destroy Japan's imperial system.

"Our fight in the 1990 offensive against the emperor will evoke a significant reaction ... (and) will destroy the emperor system, the last vehicle of class rule caused by Japanese imperialism," it said.

Chukaku-Ha, which police estimate has at least 5,000 members, said this year's enthronement

ceremonies were aimed at "defying" Akihito and making him ruler of Japan.

Yesterday's rocket attacks came on the day Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu named a government committee to prepare for Akihito's formal accession.

Four rockets were shot from the boot of a parked car at the residence of his younger brother, Prince Hitachi, in Tokyo.

One flew over an elevated highway and landed on the roof of the prince's home while another fell in the yard. Neither caused damage, police said.

The four rockets aimed at the Kyoto Palace were fired from rocket launchers set on the ground in a nearby graveyard and only one landed in the palace grounds, they said.



Investigators remove a covered car from which several rockets were fired into the residence of Prince Hitachi in Tokyo. (Reuters wirephoto)

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### China to lift martial law

To regain foreign trust

BEIJING, Jan 9, (AP): Chinese leaders prepared today to declare an end to the seven-month-old martial law in Tiananmen Square and possibly elsewhere in the capital in a gesture aimed at regaining foreign confidence, sources said.

The reported attack Saturday would be the most serious in Phnom Penh, which has been largely spared in an 11-year-old guerrilla war against the Vietnamese-installed government.

However, it could not be verified and some previous Khmer Rouge claims have proved exaggerated.

The government SPK news agency claimed the weekend was peaceful in the Cambodian capital.

However, Khmer Rouge army

radio said that after the rebel attack on Phnom Penh, Vietnam immediately sent Prime Minister Hua Sen and President Heng Samrin and other leaders to Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City.

The broadcast monitored in Bangkok said the insecurity prevented Hua Sen from meeting in Phnom Penh with Michael Costello, Australia's deputy foreign secretary. Instead, it said, Hua Sen went from Ho Chi Minh City to Cambodia's eastern Svay Rieng province bordering Vietnam to meet with the envoy.

Costello told reporters upon arriving in Bangkok today that the meeting was arranged for Svay Rieng "well before" the Khmer Rouge attack was alleged to have taken place. He could not confirm the Phnom Penh attack.

Allied non-communist forces led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk said today that resistance agents had waged a series of grenade attacks last month, saying one grenade a day was exploded in the capital between Dec 5 and 10.

Their statement said 15 Vietnamese civilians, one Vietnamese "expert" and two Cambodian policemen were wounded in attacks near Premier Hua Sen's house on Dec 7, and the royal palace and the Defense Ministry on unspecified dates.

SPK, monitored in Bangkok today, did not mention any attacks but stressed that Sunday's national day celebrations took place in "total security." It said Saturday and yesterday also were peaceful.

National Day marks the anniversary of the 1979 downfall of the Khmer Rouge, which was driven out by invading Vietnamese troops after a 3 and 1/2-year reign in which hundreds of thousands

of people were killed.

SPK said yesterday that Hua Sen had agreed with Australia's proposal for a UN role in an interim administration in Cambodia before a general election—but only if the UN seat held by the guerrilla coalition is first vacated.

The Khmer Rouge fields about 30,000 fighters and is the largest of three guerrilla groups in a resistance coalition.

Fears of a possible return to power of the Khmer Rouge have increased as they have made major battlefield advances since Vietnam in September made what it called the withdrawal of its last troops from Cambodia.

The Khmer Rouge radio said the guerrillas would keep fighting and attacking the capital until an international authority verifies Vietnam's withdrawal and a coalition government including the Heng Samrin government and the three guerrilla groups is formed.

The five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council will meet in Paris next week to seek ways of ending fighting in Cambodia, a French official said today.

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### Vietnamese returnees are not subjected to harassment

HAIPHONG, Vietnam, Jan 9, (Reuters): Two British politicians said yesterday there was no sign that 51 Vietnamese boat people forcibly repatriated to Vietnam from Hong Kong last month had been subjected to official pressure since their return.

Socialist peer Lord Ennals and conservative former Home Office (Interior Ministry) minister Timothy Raison told reporters that returned families they had visited said all they needed was money.

"It is absolutely a straightforward economic story. There was no question of any kind of political pressure," Raison said of returnees they met in Haiphong, most of them fishermen. "The crucial element in their life is the lack of a boat."

The two politicians were sent to Vietnam to monitor the fate of the boat people after relief agencies and the United States raised an uproar about the forced repatriation of would-be refugees deemed to have fled for reasons that were not political.

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The returnees in Haiphong said local officials last week gave each of them the equivalent in Vietnamese dong of \$25 promised by the British government.

But they said the money would not cover the cost of replacing homes and boats, confiscated when they went to Hong Kong.

"The Vietnamese new year is coming and we should be in our own homes," said Le Van Lich, one of the fishermen interviewed by Raison and Ennals at relatives' homes where they were staying.

In two houses they visited yesterday, families were living 10 to a room with beds on the floor.

All said they had not found jobs since returning nearly a month ago to Haiphong.

## Klerk pledge for rapid change

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 9. (Reuters): Black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela expects to be freed from prison within a matter of weeks and President F. W. de Klerk has pledged to maintain a fast tempo of reform in South Africa.

Mandela's wife Winnie said he had asked her during a prison meeting yesterday to begin making preliminary arrangements for his release.

"This is the first time that I have accepted as a reality that he will be released this year," Winnie Mandela said after visiting the African National Congress (ANC) leader at his hangar-like quarters in the Victor Verster Prison northeast of Cape Town.

"I don't think we are talking about months any longer," she told reporters.

Speculation has been rife for months that De Klerk would soon free Mandela whose liberty, frequently demanded by foreign governments, is seen by most black South African leaders as a precondition for talks on ending apartheid.

Until yesterday Mandela, 71, had dampened such speculation.

Asked whether her husband was excited, Winnie Mandela said: "He has no emotions left after 27 years in prison."

At a meeting yesterday in Pretoria with British centrist politician David Owen, De Klerk said he would push ahead with reforms aimed at preparing the ground for negotiations with black leaders on constitutional change.

"He said quite openly to me that he was in a hurry. He is going to move fast, he wants to keep the momentum going," Owen, head of the Social Democratic Party, said after the meeting.

Owen said the government would announce further reforms in early February when parliament reopens, including lifting or at least partially relaxing the three-year-old nationwide state of emergency.

"And then I think it is quite likely that Nelson Mandela will come out in late February or early March," Owen told the British Broadcasting Corporation in an interview.

Before talks can begin, the exiled ANC and its internal allies want De Klerk to free all political prisoners, lift restrictions on opposition organizations including the ANC, end emergency rule and remove security forces from black townships.

So far the government has made several gestures, including the October 15 release of Mandela's close colleague Walter Sisulu and other leading ANC veterans, convicted with him in 1964 of plotting to overthrow the white government.

In a landmark statement marking its 78th anniversary, the African National Congress yesterday acknowledged the South African government was taking steps to dismantle apartheid.

But the guerrilla-backed movement's Moscow-based external leadership restated it was still committed to armed struggle until an acceptable climate is created for peace talks.

## S. Africa will grant visa to Jackson

WASHINGTON, Jan 9. (AP): Jesse Jackson said he would soon travel to South Africa following an announcement yesterday by the government that it would grant him a long-denied visa.

South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha announced yesterday that the government has told Jackson he "will be welcome to come to South Africa and the necessary visa will be issued to him to travel to South Africa at a mutually convenient time."

Jackson, a former presidential candidate and civil rights leader, said the government's decision and the recent release of several leaders of the banned African National Congress demonstrates that "some walls have come down."

"I've been trying to return for ten years... and since President (F.W.) De Klerk met with Nelson Mandela obviously some walls have come down," said Jackson, comparing the recent events in South Africa to the recent events in Eastern Europe.

"The walls must come down in South Africa just as they have come down in Europe so people can get beyond the violence of separation to the constructing of a society where black and white people can live together without fear and mistrust," Jackson added in a telephone interview.

## US assails Angolans, Soviets

### Mobutu postpones peace summit

WASHINGTON, Jan 9. (AP): The State Department expressed concern yesterday over a military offensive launched by several thousand Angolan troops against US-backed rebels, and it also criticized the support role played by Soviet advisers.

Meanwhile, an Angola peace conference scheduled to start tomorrow has been postponed indefinitely, US officials said. The presidents of eight African nations had been scheduled to go to the Angolan capital of Luanda for the conference.

State spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler called on Angola's MPLA government and its Soviet allies to stop the offensive immediately and concentrate instead on the peace process.

"We are very concerned about the dangerous escalation of offensive military action by the MPLA against UNITA-controlled territory in southeastern Angola," she said.

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Workers fight and die

SIX men were killed and at least 31 injured yesterday in a battle between hundreds of striking and non-striking rail workers at a train station near Johannesburg, police headquarters said.

It was by far the worst incident of violence during a 10-week strike by black workers against the state transport company. About 10 people have been killed in previous strike-related incidents and several dozen railway cars have been destroyed in arson attacks. Picture shows police officers carry the body of a black man. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Lithuanians condemned

### Azeris pledge easy travel

MOSCOW, Jan 9. (Reuters): A senior politburo member has denounced Lithuania's Communist Party shortly before a planned visit of the republic by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, casting doubt on whether wounds caused by a split in the party would be healed.

Vladimir Medvedev, the party's ideology chief, told workers at the Zhalgiris machine-tool plant that last month's decision by the Lithuanian party to break ranks with the Moscow party threatened Gorbachev's perestroika reform programme.

"It is a blow to the inter-ethnic unity of the Soviet Communist party, to the construction of a reformed federation, a blow to all of perestroika," he said in remarks reported by Tass news agency.

The creation of an independent Lithuanian Communist Party, he said, "can only be viewed as an expression of non-confidence in the Soviet Communist party."

Medvedev and other senior leaders had previously issued similar condemnations of the Lithuanian party.

But his outburst virtually on the eve of Gorbachev's fact-finding visit was a surprise in view of conciliatory statements from the Kremlin leadership in recent days.

It was unclear when Gorbachev would embark on his trip, which according to a Foreign Ministry spokesman would begin as previously announced tomorrow. But Lithuanian journalists said the Soviet president would arrive on Thursday.

Gorbachev and other leaders were mandated to make a fact-finding visit

to Lithuania by a plenary meeting last month of the party central committee.

The meeting failed to take a decision on whether to recognize the independent party, formed after delegates to a special Congress voted five to one in favour of its creation.

The move, approved in conjunction with a programme to create an economically and politically "sovereign" Lithuania, won overwhelming public support.

Authorities in Soviet Azerbaijan, seeking to end 10 days of rioting along the Soviet-Iranian border, pledged today to ease travel across the frontier.

In the Soviet Union's other current flashpoint, Lithuanians demanding independence planned mass rallies tomorrow and Thursday to coincide with a visit by Gorbachev.

In Azerbaijan, leaders of the southern republic agreed to allow free movement for ethnic Azeris on either side of the border.

A. Dzhallayev, Communist Party leader of Nakhichevan, told Tass news agency in Nicosia, reported that Tehran officials arrived in the Azerbaijani capital Baku today to discuss relaxing border controls.

They came from Moscow where Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mahmud Vaezi and his Soviet counterpart Alexander Bessmertnykh signed an agreement on the establishment of Iranian and Soviet tourist offices in each other's country. Iran said.

Meanwhile, more than 1,000 travel-hungry Romanians besieged Bucharest's lone passport office today after the country's provisional rulers lifted all travel restrictions enforced during years of communist repression.

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The most complex of the three issues Baker will try to resolve with Shevardnadze concerns how long-range, air-launched cruise missiles

carried by bombers should be counted against a treaty limit of 6,000 strategic warheads.

The two other issues are the kind of data exchange rules that could be developed, or dismantled, and where surplus or non-deployed missiles should be stored.

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## Romanian revolution in peril: dissident

### Travel ban lifted; passport office besieged

CLUJ, Romania, Jan 9. (Reuters): Top Romanian dissident Poiana Cornea warned yesterday the revolution was in danger of being taken over by former communists who took power after the overthrow of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

She called on workers to take to the streets.

"Now is the time to demonstrate. If the workers are strong then they can keep the revolution going," said the frail dissident in an interview at her home in Cluj, in northwest Romania.

Cornea was imprisoned in 1987 for writing an open letter criticising Ceausescu's policy of destroying thousands of villages and moving peasants to agro-industrial complexes.

She was placed under house arrest and said she was beaten by Ceausescu's Securitate secret police on three occasions.

The 60-year-old former professor of French said the heads of the Securitate were still walking the streets of Cluj.

"They are almost free men. Their trials keep being delayed and delayed and people tell me they have seen them walking the streets," she said.

Cornea, a tiny grey-haired woman clearly exhausted by a series of hunger strikes, was suffering from a sore throat and conducted the interview in a strained whisper.

She said she was worried Romanian society was once again being paralysed by a spreading climate of fear under the leadership of the National Salvation Front (NSF) which took power after the downfall of Ceausescu.

She was also concerned that elections the NSF scheduled for April gave emerging political parties too little time to prepare and put them at a disadvantage to the Front which has many reformed communists among its membership.

"The NSF have all the advantages, they have been in the Communist Party for 40 years so they know how to take power and they have the technical means to publicise their message — television is at their command," she said.

"In contrast the other parties are totally lacking to experience. They don't have the technical opportunities so they are on a level footing."

Emerging parties were not being given access to the national media, she said, adding that a recent interview she gave to Romanian television in which she attacked the NSF had been transmitted without sound so one could hear her criticism.

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"The people are unhappy, every day workers come to see me and say 'why did you carry out the revolution, can't you see that the same old people are still in power?'" she said.

"People are beginning to control the situation with fear and threat."

"People had told her they were receiving indirect threats telling them to keep quiet and not to make trouble."

"There have been anonymous threats," she said. "No one knows where they are coming from but they are beginning to frighten the people."



Poor Romanians queuing outside a church waiting for some free food and gifts from the priest in downtown Bucharest.



Supporters of Ceausescu in their cell after arrest for terrorist activities in Romania. (Reuters wirephoto)

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A Muslim veiled woman signs her name under the pictures of two Swiss hostages in Lebanon in the southern port city of Sidon in a show of solidarity with the families of the two hostages, that arrived in Beirut three days ago and left with no information about their fate. (Reuter wirephoto)

Vatican aims to encourage dialogue

## 41 envoys back Hirawi

BEIRUT, Jan 9, (Agencies): Forty-one Arab and foreign diplomats attended a New Year meeting yesterday with President Elias Hirawi, reflecting international backing for Lebanon's new administration.

Hirawi received the diplomats at his temporary headquarters in the Christian suburb of Baabda, held by defiant General Michel Aoun and used by him as his headquarters.

"Your presence here is a genuine and true expression against all attempts aiming to undermine the legitimate authority, the loss of Lebanon and its cultural role," Hirawi told the diplomats, who wished the President a happy New Year.

Hirawi has been locked in a power struggle with Aoun, who is holding out in the Christian enclave. The general refuses to recognise Hirawi, dismissing him as a Syrian puppet.

Hirawi was elected on Nov 24 in accordance with an internationally-supported peace pact drafted by the Arab League.

The Vatican announced yesterday that its new nuncio (ambassador) to Lebanon has presented his credentials to Hirawi and said the ambassador's work "will encourage a sincere and loyal dialogue between all the parties."

Chief Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro Valls said the new apostolic nuncio, Spanish Monsignor Pablo Pueno, presented his credentials to Hirawi and said the ambassador's work "will encourage a sincere and loyal dialogue between all the parties."

Hirawi thus enabling him to carry out his full duties. Navarro said.

"In a particularly delicate period for Lebanon, the nuncio's work will thus encourage a sincere and loyal dialogue between all the parties, bearing in mind above all those who find themselves in a position of greater weakness and who fear for their own future and that of the country," the Vatican spokesman said.

Christian army units and Syrian-backed Muslim militiamen clashed along Beirut's Green Line today, and police said alarming violations of a civil war truce in the city have killed four people and wounded 12 in four days.

And in East Lebanon's Bekaa valley, police said two villagers were wounded when Israel's allied militia, the South Lebanon Army, poured artillery fire on bases of Syrian-backed Palestinian and leftist Lebanese fighters in the villages of Sultane Yacoub, Laci and Kamed El Louz.

The area has long been a launching pad for commando raids into Israel's self-designed "security zone" in snub Lebanon. The 2,500-strong, predominantly Christian SLA and an estimated 1,500 Israeli



## Shiite militias battle ignoring truce appeal

BEIRUT, Jan 9, (Reuter): Rival Shiite militias armed with rocket-propelled grenades and machineguns battled for the 18th day in south Lebanon today, in continued defiance of ceasefire appeals.

The roar of battle resumed after a seven-hour ceasefire yesterday to let Red Cross workers and villagers retrieve 17 rotting corpses from the battleground.

Men of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah and the Syrian-backed Amal have killed at least 76 people and wounded 280 since battles began, security sources said.

They are vying for leadership of Lebanon's largest community 1.3 million Shiites. Both have ignored repeated truce appeals from their Iranian and Syrian backers.

Security sources said they traded rocket-propelled grenades today in the Iqlim Al-Tufah area, 40 km (25 miles) south of Beirut. The villages of Sabra and Jarjouh were raked with machinegun fire.

Both sides were reported reinforcing their positions with men, weapons and ammunition to continue the struggle.

Witnesses said shellcases and spent cartridges littered the ground at the Amal-controlled village of Sabra, its streets blocked by rubble and its houses pockmarked by rockets and artillery shells.

Scores of civilians fled Sabra yesterday during the ceasefire negotiated by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

To the East, the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army militia controlling Israel's buffer zone in South Lebanon wounded two people and damaged seven houses in attacks early today on three villages in the Bekaa valley.

Security sources said Israeli officers visited SLA positions overlooking Iqlim Al-Tufah today to observe the Shiite fighting for the first time since battles began on December 23.

troops jointly patrol the enclave along the southern border.

Israel set up the buffer in 1985 to guard against cross-border raids after it withdrew the bulk of its occupation army, ending a three-year invasion of Lebanon.

Police said there were no casualties in the 10-minute clash along the capital's demarcation line during which the army troops and militiamen exchanged rocket-propelled grenades and sniper fire.

## Arabs study E. European upheaval

TUNIS, Jan 9, (UPI): The permanent representatives of the Arab League met today to discuss how changes under way in Eastern Europe might affect the Middle East jigsaw as the PLO expressed fears the European turmoil could help Israel slow down the peace process, officials said.

"We are worried that the opening up under way in Eastern Europe may profit Israel, that it is going to profit from the changes to intervene and install itself" there, said Salah Khalaf, the No. 2 man to Yasser Arafat in the mainstream Fatah movement of the PLO, in an interview with United Press International.

Khalaf was explaining why the PLO had asked for the meeting of ambassadors to the 21-member Arab League that began behind closed doors in Tunis today "to examine the evolution of the most recent developments in Eastern Europe."

Socialist President Mitterrand. Mitterrand has said he would consider a pardon, but has not made clear when or under what circumstances.

Naccache, a Lebanese Muslim who is supported by Iran's President and Foreign Minister, has lost 59 pounds (27 kilograms) since he started his fast Sept. 8. He now weighs just 105 pounds (48 kg) and has lost his immune defenses to disease, according to his lawyer, Jacques Verges.

"If tomorrow someone goes into his cell and sneezes," Verges said on television, Naccache "could very well die from it."

Naccache is refusing food but is drink-

ing liquids. He is fed intravenously from time to time by doctors at the Fresne prison outside Paris.

"The death of Anis Naccache, if it comes brutally at the end of his hunger strike, will by all evidence be serious for France, which would find itself confronted by an increased terrorist menace easy to predict," the conservative newspaper *Le Figaro* wrote on Saturday.

"He cannot hope to free himself with a hunger strike," the President told reporters on Friday. "If Anis Naccache decides to die in prison and we do not have the means to stop him, this will be his responsi-

bility."

A year ago, Mitterrand called on Iran to provide proof that Naccache's liberty really had been promised in the hostage deal negotiated by the conservative government of Premier Jacques Chirac.

Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani and Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati both have said it was, but apparently have not offered Mitterrand any evidence.

Chirac publicly denied that Naccache was part of the agreement, and Mitterrand says, "I have no reason to doubt the word of Mr Chirac."

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The Israeli Foreign Ministry declined to confirm or deny the report, but Poland said yesterday it expected relations to be restored in late February.

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Israel has yet to respond. Israel has worked hardest at restoring

ties with the Soviet Union, home to the largest groups of Jews outside the United States and Israel.

The two countries have exchanged consular delegations but there is still no official discussion on full ties.

However, while the East European visits to Israel were underway, Israeli Science Minister Ezer Weizman was in Moscow this week on the highest-level visit since the Soviet Union orchestrated the cut in diplomatic relations.

## Czechs in Israel for talks on ties

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 9, (Reuter): Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry officials arrived in Israel today for talks on renewing diplomatic ties cut by Prague during the 1967 Middle East war after similar moves by Hungary and Poland.

Israeli officials said the Czechoslovak delegation, headed by Foreign Ministry director for Middle East affairs Vazev Jizdny, would meet Foreign Minister Moshe Arens today.

The visit came as Hungarian Foreign Minister Gyula Horn was on the final day of a three-day stay, the highest-ranking

visit to Israel by an official of the Warsaw Pact states that broke relations in 1967.

Of the Soviet bloc states, only Romania maintained diplomatic ties during that period.

Horn said yesterday Prime Minister Miklos Nemeth would visit Israel in late February, less than six months after Hungary became the first East European country to restore relations.

Israel was also moving toward full ties with Poland, with Israel radio reporting today that Arens would go to Warsaw next

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Fire Badr, demands Egyptian opposition

CAIRO, Jan 9, (Reuter): An Egyptian opposition newspaper demanded today that hardline Interior Minister Zaki Badr be sacked for publicly insulting prominent public figures.

Il Shab, the socialist Labour Party's newspaper, splashed across its front page a report alleging that at two recent conferences the minister had insulted opposition politicians, writers, lawyers, journalists and Muslim scholars.

Badr was the target of a botched assassination attempt in Cairo last month. He escaped unhurt.

Shab named the public figures singled out by Badr and printed what it said were the insults and in some instances obscene epithets used by the minister to describe them.

An accompanying editorial said the daily had tape-recordings of Badr's remarks which Shab said were made at conferences at Banha town in Egypt's Delta region.

We turn to the President of this country ( Hosni Mubarak) and tell him that the scandal makes Zaki Badr's presence in his position impossible," it said.

Badr, long known for blunt language, is the strong arm of Mubarak's government and the man responsible for curbing dissent among leftists as well as Muslim militants.

Shab published its report amid a renewed opposition campaign to oust Badr, whose security forces have rounded up thousands of people under emergency powers introduced in 1981 when Mubarak's predecessor, Anwar Sadat, was gunned down by religious zealots.

Most, have been freed without charge, but scores are still held and civil rights workers periodically report that prisoners are beaten or tortured, a charge denied by the government.

Muslim fundamentalists have emerged as the single most potent threat to Mubarak's government.

## US criticises ban on travel

### Israel-Egypt meeting in doubt

WASHINGTON, Jan 9, (Agencies): The United States yesterday deplored Israel's decision to restrict foreign travel by Palestinian leaders from the occupied West Bank and said a crucial ministerial meeting to advance an Israeli-Palestinian peace dialogue was in doubt.

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler urged Israel to reverse its decision last week to bar Faisal Hussein, head of an Arab studies centre in Jerusalem, and other prominent Palestinians from travelling abroad.

"We're extremely concerned by these reports at a time when all parties should be working towards the beginning of an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue," Tutwiler said.

### US unfit

BAGHDAD, Jan 9, (AP): A Palestinian leader said today that the United States is unfit as a peace broker in the Middle East because it consistently backs Israel.

Farouk Kadousi, the foreign minister of the PLO, told secret service officers on Thursday said Israel's security would be harmed if he travelled abroad.

But Tutwiler indicated that the parties were still too far apart to be able to call that meeting, which was to discuss Palestinian elections in the occupied territories.

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Baker, who will meet Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Washington next week, hopes that giving Palestinians some say over their affairs through elections would take the edge off the two-year Palestinian uprising in the territories which has claimed over 800 lives.

But Israel insists on having a veto over members of the Palestinian delegation to the talks to minimise the influence of the PLO.

The director of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's office said today the United States could break a deadlock in convening Israeli-Palestinian peace talks by clearly rejecting any role for the PLO.

### MIDEAST DRIVERS

Eritrean rebels hold Polish crew: The Eritrean government said on Monday it had received a report that Eritrean rebels were holding the crew of a Polish ship attacked in the Red Sea last week.

A Foreign Ministry official told a news conference the crew of the cargo ship Boleslaw Krzywousty, attacked off northern Ethiopia last Wednesday, was reported safe.

Lloyd's shipping intelligence said at the weekend that 30 crew were missing. (Reuter)

Arens plans trip to Lisbon: Foreign Minister Moshe Arens is to make a two-day visit to Portugal starting Jan 17, and he will be the highest-ranking Israeli official ever to visit the country, the ministry announced Tuesday.

The visit is part of an effort to improve trade links, a ministry official said.

The Middle East conflict is also likely to be a main topic of discussion" in Arens' talks with Portuguese leaders, the official said. He spoke on condition of anonymity. (AP)

France confirms envoys return: A French official confirmed on Tuesday that France was to be the first Western nation to send diplomats back to Kabul.

Junior Foreign Minister Edwige Avie said Paris had decided to restart its Kabul mission at the level of charge d'affaires. France and other Western nations pulled out their diplomats a year ago.

The move was not the result of any policy change, she said, but was being taken because Paris missed information from the Afghan capital and needed to provide protection for French citizens in the country. (Reuter)

Wilner resigns from parliament: Veteran Israeli communist Meir Wilner, a signatory to Israel's 1948 declaration of independence, retired from parliament on Monday after serving for more than 40 years.

Wilner, 71, a legislator from the Israeli-Arab Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, said he was retiring satisfied that his party was no longer isolated in its support for a Palestinian state along-side Israel. (Reuter)

Ethiopian generals plead innocent: Fourteen top-ranking Ethiopian military officers pleaded not guilty on Tuesday to charges of trying to overthrow President Mengistu Haile Mariam in a coup attempt last May.

The coup, in which eight high-ranking military officers and one civilian, including the former commanders of the navy, police and ground forces and several top air force leaders, (Reuter)

Lockbie suspect appeals: A Palestinian suspect of involvement in the 1988 destruction of a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie in Scotland appealed on Tuesday against a life sentence in Sweden for other bombings, his lawyer said.

Mohamed Abu Talib, 35, was found guilty by a Swedish district court last December 21 of aiding and abetting murder and other offences arising from bomb attacks in Copenhagen and Amsterdam in 1985. (Reuter)

Ministers prepare for summit: Junior ministers from the five North African states, including Libya, began preparations in Tunis on Tuesday for next week's Maghreb summit.

Libyan leader Muammar Chaddafi said last week he could not come to the summit because of a previous engagement but diplomats said he has since changed his mind.

A spokesman for the meeting of secretaries of state said a major theme was relations between the Arab Maghreb Union and other regional organisations, especially the European Economic Community, which by far their largest trading partner. (Reuter)

Drugs ring smashed in Iran: Iranian anti-narcotics agents smashed an international drug-smuggling ring in the country's western Bandar Abbas province, and arrested 14 smugglers with a small cache of arms, Tehran radio reported Monday.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, said the network had been active in a number of countries, including Turkey, which borders Bakhtaran. (AP)

Jibril challenges

Palestinian leader Ahmed Jibril, chief of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command, gestures during a press conference in West Beirut where he challenged Western states to provide proof that his group blew up the Pan Am jet over Scotland in 1988. (Reuter wirephoto)

Jerusalem Post, controversy: The decision by a millionaire Canadian publisher to acquire the Jerusalem Post newspaper and turn it into a right-wing monthly is becoming increasingly controversial in Canada.

The Post has been owned for the last six months by Hollinger Inc. which paid \$17.5 million US for it last April.

Hollinger is owned by Toronto financier Conrad Black, who owns a string of small newspapers in Canada as well as the right-wing daily Telegraph in London. (Kuna)

## REQUIRED

A holding company of diversified activities seeks



The Bangladeshi ambassador gave a dinner on Monday night in honour of Mahmud. It was attended by Issa Al Mazidi, Chief of Protocol at the Foreign Ministry Ahmad Al Ayoub, Director of Asia and Africa department Abdul Aziz Essa Al Khodr, ambassadors of Saudi member states, ex-director Ministry of Commerce and Industry Hassan Mohammed Rajeh and other dignitaries.

### Travel tax to mobilise resource for Bangladesh

By Fathima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

**BANGLADESH** Foreign Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud has said that his government is satisfied with the Kuwait government's attitude towards foreign labourers and has left it to them to determine a basic salary structure for Bangladeshi workers.

In an interview with the Arab Times before departure for Bahrain yesterday, Mahmud expressed his country's faith in the Kuwait government's "forward looking policies (which will be) for the betterment of labourers."

There are about 70,000 Bangladeshis in Kuwait. After a meeting with the Social Affairs and Labour Minister, Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed on Monday, Mahmud said Bangladesh wants to send more workers to Kuwait.

Mahmud expressed hope that HR the Amir would soon visit Dhaka to "see for himself" the contribution Kuwait has made to the economic development of Bangladesh.

Mahmud has delivered a special invitation from President Hussain Muhammad Ershad to the Amir to visit Bangladesh. Mahmud has also extended similar invitations to some Kuwaiti ministers. The Amir visited Bangladesh in 1980 and Ershad came to Kuwait in 1983 and in 1987 to attend the OIC summit.

Kuwait has funded six projects, costing \$154 million, in Bangladesh. Of these five have been completed and the sixth is nearing completion. These are in the field of agriculture and energy.

Five more new developmental projects have been identified in the irrigation sector, mechanical extraction of timber and the construction of two new bridges. Bangladesh expects further economic aid from Kuwait to carry out these projects.

"These five projects would contribute effectively to the



Sheikh Nawaf (right) in talks with Mahmud (centre), Shahabuddin (left) was also present during the talks.

development of Bangladesh and we agreed, in principle, to strengthen co-operation," said Mahmud.

Mahmud also held discussions with officials to identify specific areas of investment and cooperation in various sectors.

Replying to a question about the total 2,200 (about KD21) embarkation fee and travel tax charged at the Dhaka Airport, Mahmud said his government has to "mobilise resources" to spend on development.

"The embarkation fee is not charged for wage earners alone; it applies to all passengers using Dhaka airport; this money is used in developing the country," he said.

Asked about the fixed exchange rate of the taka against the dollar, Mahmud said he has looked into the problem. He said the official exchange rate has been raised to the level of the secondary exchange market, this equalises foreign rate exchange.

"I doubt if there is any difference between the official and the secondary exchange rate; the secondary exchange is dependent on demand and supply, and if this changes, it will change," he said.

Commenting on Indo-Bangladesh ties, Mahmud said the relations are good but admitted there are "minor irritants." However, he said he was

encouraged by the National Front government's statement to improve ties with the neighbours.

He expressed the hope that these "minor problems" with India can be resolved, including the Ganges water issue. Bangladesh is seeking equitable distribution of Ganges water.

Earlier Mahmud met Finance Minister Jassim Mohammad Al Khorafi during and held talks on co-operation in economic field, Kuwait Fund's further involvement in Bangladesh and Kuwait's participation in joint venture projects.

A KPC official also met Mahmud.

Mahmud also met Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad and discussed with him means of boosting bilateral relations.

The Ambassador of Bangladesh to Kuwait K.M. Shahabuddin the Counsellor Mohsin Ali Khan and the Director General of West Asia and Africa at the Bangladesh Foreign Ministry Kazi Nazrul Islam, who accompanied the minister, were present at all the meetings.

Mahmud left Kuwait for Bahrain yesterday. He was seen off at the Kuwait airport by Minister of State for Service Affairs Issa Al Mazidi, Acting Foreign Undersecretary Faisal Al Mulla and other Foreign Ministry officials.

### Centre to help retarded in learning

### Child rehabilitation

THE director of the Kuwait Centre for the rehabilitation of retarded children, Faten Al Bader told a local daily that the studies and endeavours made by the centre aimed rehabilitating children faced with difficulties in learning.

Among the students benefitting from these services were those who show different IQ level and those who manifested major difficulties in reading, spelling, oral or verbal expression. These shortcomings could not be traced to any organic cause or visual, hearing or physical disability, the official said.

She added that the centre had a special team of experts who carried out psychological tests on students aimed at determining the actual mental abilities of the student and consequently deciding on the best teaching approach.

Classes are given by a team of specialists on an individual basis under the supervision of a special tutor so that the student could acquire the skills needed to enable him overcome his difficulties and improve his learning ability.

The centre has a special unit with advanced technological equipment to help carry out rehabilitation programmes which mainly depended on computer-aided technologies and psychological aid systems, she explained.

Parents who wished to register their child at the centre could do so at any time and all new children would have to take an entry test to determine their actual mental capacities and diagnose their conditions, Bader said.

She added that the centre had units at certain schools where special emphasis would be laid on students who had difficulty in certain curricular subjects, due to unknown mental factors.

A teacher of Arabic at the Child Learning Support Unit at a local school said that individual classes to students with difficulties to pursue knowledge had successfully been able to win students and improve their performance through diligent teaching and high quality patience where the applied teaching approached differed considerably from the method used with normal students.

Manufactured commodities constituted 63 per cent of imported goods followed by semi-manufactured items at 26 per cent and raw materials at 9 per cent.

Kuwaiti imports from GCC countries amounted to KD270 million and exports to these countries stood at KD38 million during the first half of 1989. During the same period Kuwaiti imports from Saudi Arabia account for 51 per cent and from the UAE 27 per cent and Kuwaiti exports were 51 per cent and 27 per cent to these countries respectively.

Kuwait imported 26 per cent of requirements from Asian countries, including Japan, China and Korea during the first half of 1989, with 36 per cent from European countries with KD75 million from West Germany, KD65 million from the UK and KD53 million from Italy. Kuwaiti imports from America constituted 15 per cent of the total imports amounting to KD126 million.

A NUMBER of heads of co-operative societies stated that the co-operative law requires comprehensive review. They added that more incentives should be given to national manpower to encourage them to join this sector. One of the main proposals is to stay away from tribal blocks in order to achieve public interest and to put more emphasis on co-operative training and diversity of commodities.

They indicated that the present co-operative law in its present form is the main difficulty for most co-ops. One of the major obstacles of the existing law is that it does not permit the co-ops to independently import their requirements. A section of co-operative heads pointed out that co-operative societies board of directors lack technical elements and that developing the co-operative sector requires diversity and availability of commodities.

Constant modification of board directors posts have created an unstable policy for most co-ops, he said and added that some of the co-ops are subjected to tribal blocks.

# Rapid increase in lawyers' offices

### Healthy phenomenon reflecting legal awareness

DURING the recent past, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of lawyers' offices in Kuwait City, including large numbers of Kuwaiti students joining the law corps.

A local daily interviewed a number of senior and new lawyers to highlight their opinions on the reasons for the rapid increase in the number of law offices and their impact on the future of the law profession in the country.

Ibrahim Al Athari, a practicing lawyer said that 160 students graduated from the Law College this year, however, only 30 registered their names at the committee.

From this small number, only a few were able to open their own offices. Thus, it is difficult to determine the motivation for the increase in the number of students joining the Law College, he said.

He commented that the local market cannot accommodate all those who register their names as lawyers at the committee due to the fact that Kuwait has a small population, resulting in a limited number of legal cases.

However, he said that the large response to enter the law profession is a healthy phenomenon which reflects the legal awareness of many graduates. He stressed that training is considered as one of the

important aspects of the profession and welcomed new graduates to join his office to gain experience.

On the other hand, a number of new lawyers expressed that the number of law offices have increased dramatically during the past few years.

Ahmad Al Masood said that the increase in the number of law offices is due to high number of law students graduating every year. But, he claimed that they had no interests in taking up government jobs.

Masood attributed the concentration of law offices in the city area due to the fact that the Justice Palace is near in addition to

the nature of the location which is close to companies and other commercial establishments.

He indicated that most of these companies prefer drawing contracts with law offices on a yearly basis and added that most cases viewed by courts are of a commercial nature.

He stated that a lawyer should be fully knowledgeable with other sciences particularly literature and a lawyer should be fully prepared and comprehend new laws. To be a successful lawyer in Kuwait, the individual should have a strong command over the Arabic language, Masood said.

### Doctors hail legal shield

A NUMBER of physicians at the Ministry of Public Health (MPH) have warmly welcomed the doctors insurance law designed to protect them against professional mistakes while on duty, according to a local daily.

Dr Abdallah Al Refai, general secretary of Kuwait Medical Specialities Institute, said that the ministry has made the law mandatory on all doctors employed in the country and added that doctors insurance has become essential for the medical profession world-wide as doctors are subjected to professional risks which exposed them to be legally accountable.

The new law will encompass 3,000 practising doctors in Kuwait, Refai said and welcomed the participation of national insurance companies.

Dr Abdallah Al Rashid, head of the Kuwait Medical Society described the new draft law as an adequate decision and added that such laws are well-advised to increase their capitals and accelerate inter-amalgamation in addition to optimising inter-co-operation and co-operation to fully confront the challenges posed by European and foreign markets in general.

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### Call for a unified Arab banking plan

#### ABU to meet in Frankfurt

THE rise of unified Europe in 1992 will reflect negatively on the Arab banking sector.

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Only through a unified Arab banking strategy will it be possible to confront the European banking market.

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### Bids to cut deficit prove successful

CONCENTRATED efforts exerted to reduce the national budget deficit for the current 89/90 fiscal year have been successful, according to well informed sources.

These efforts have been directed at more organisation in budgetary channels in government ministries and departments by narrowing unnecessary expenditure.

However, sources refrained from estimating the size of the deficit, but said that current developments in the international oil markets, the price rise per barrel, and an increase in production and marketing would soon be known, providing realistic indicators of the reduction in deficit.

Meanwhile, the Department of Budgeting at the Ministry of Finance has commenced studying the proposed draft budgets submitted by government ministries and establishments for the forthcoming fiscal year of 1990/91.

### Bahrain Digest

### AGU beset with host of problems

Campus remains unfinished

ARABIAN Gulf University (AGU), Bahrain's prestigious educational institution, has been beset with a host of problems since it opened its doors a couple of years ago. The university, widely publicised in the course of its construction beginning in the late eighties as the best institution for higher studies in the Gulf, has been embroiled with financial set-backs and staff disputes. For indeed AGU, built as an ambitious project built to serve the highest expectations of Bahraini and other Arab students in terms of the highest educational needs of international standard has unfortunately been in troubled waters with one obstacle after another, thereby seriously affecting its progress in fulfilling its high aspirations.

#### Lack of funds

AGU was devised as a dream project. The idea to establish a unique university in Bahrain that would serve the region's students with a wide range of subjects of higher education without the need to go abroad, was first mooted in the beginning of the eighties. An extensive plot of land was allocated by the government of Bahrain at Sakhir in the south west of the island for this purpose. The GCC states as well as Iraq agreed to finance the building of this showpiece of educational excellence with each country promising to contribute a fraction of the total required fund.

But for some unknown reasons some of the donor states have failed to make their share of payment towards the project. As a consequence a large number of local contractors and sub-contractors were not paid for their work in building the university complex.

#### Non-payments

It was reported in the local press that the contractors were not paid for their work over several months and in some cases since the project started. In desperation some of them resorted to legal action to get their money. The university on the other hand cited its failure to pay the contractors because of non-payment by some donor states. Not surprisingly work on the AGU project was halted several times. So for Saudi Arabia is the only country to have fulfilled its payment obligation in full. Iraq, quite understandably, could not honour its promise as it was engaged in a long and expensive war.

In recent times local media reports have highlighted the unfortunate cause of events faced by AGU.

#### Dismissals

Last summer the university got into a controversy when it dismissed several full-time and part-time lecturers. The university board of trustees cited financial difficulties necessitating staff-cutback. At least eight full-time lecturers including a number of expatriates, challenged their dismissal as unfair and illegal. They claimed that the decision to sack them was abrupt as no prior notice was served to them. Furthermore the sacking violated valid contracts said the staff. The lecturers undertook legal action against their sudden termination. At least three of them were awarded cash compensation.

The sacked part-time lecturers, most of them nationals teaching at the university's School of Medicine and Medical Sciences, are doctors employed in the Health Ministry and the BDF hospital. Grievances of about 30 of these part-time staff have been considered by the university and their contracts have been subsequently extended until August this year.

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## EDITORIALS

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## Thought for today

OUR CIVILIZATION IS STILL IN A MIDDLE STAGE ... NO LONGER WHOLLY GUIDED BY INSTINCT, NOT YET WHOLLY GUIDED BY REASON — Theodore Dreiser, US novelist (1871-1945).

## Singh to loosen TV, radio control

## Rajiv used media lavishly

NEW DELHI, (AP): Prime Minister V.P. Singh, in a bid to fulfill election promises, is preparing to loosen state controls on television and radio to end what critics called blatant government propaganda.

Since Singh took office Dec 2, the nightly TV news has been showing film of the prime minister only twice a week — a sharp contrast to the lavish daily coverage accorded his predecessor, Rajiv Gandhi.

Singh's government has introduced legislation in parliament to set up a corporation for the state-owned radio and television stations, to be headed by an independently appointed chairman immune to government interference.

## Control

The television network Doordarshan, which was expanded to reach 75 per cent of India's 880 million people during Rajiv's five years in office, has been controlled by the government since its debut in 1965.

All India Radio, since its founding in 1927, has been under similar constraints, first by British colonial rulers for the first 20 years and then by the government of independent India.

Unashamedly pro-government programming reached a zenith under Rajiv, whose close aides dictated editorial content over nothines to Doordarshan officials and barked orders to cameramen accompanying the prime minister.

"We used to get daily phone calls from the (broadcasting) minister and Rajiv's cronies on what to use and what not to use," said a television reporter, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Rajiv had to appear every day on the screen "one way or the other," another reporter said. "If he had no public engagements, he would be shown meeting delegations at his house," said the reporter, also speaking on condition of anonymity.

## Power

Just before the November elections, Rajiv's proposal to transfer more power to village levels was reported for 12 minutes on the 20-minute evening news programme, the first reporter said.

"Take away five minutes for the headlines, the signature tune and the weather forecast, and we were left with only three minutes for genuine Indian news," he said.

Such instances were the rule, said George Verghese, a media expert who was instrumental in framing the new legislation for Doordarshan, which means "seeing from afar" in Hindi.

But now with Rajiv's Congress Party in the opposition, the "Rajiv-Darshan" (seeing Rajiv) era is over and the new government is briskly undoing the damage," said Independent magazine Sunday.

"It was the biggest media heist in history," the news magazine said. "The country's sole television network (was) hijacked by a handful of politically motivated bureaucrats, entire ranks of

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1663 — Britain's King Charles II grants charter to royal African colony.
- 1815 — British declare war against King of Kandy in Ceylon.
- 1889 — France establishes protectorate over Ivory Coast.
- 1900 — Frederick Roberts lands in South Africa as commander-in-chief of British Army.
- 1906 — Britain and France open military and naval talks.
- 1919 — British Army takes over administration of Baghdad Railway.
- 1920 — League of Nations comes into being.
- 1923 — Meml. Lithuania, under allied occupation, is seized by Lithuania.
- 1928 — Leon Trotsky, one of chief architects of Soviet Union, is ordered into exile by Soviet government.
- 1938 — Japanese troops enter Tsingtao, China.
- 1942 — Japanese invade Dutch East Indies in World War II.
- 1955 — Federal Council of Nigeria meets for first time.
- 1959 — Soviet Union proposes conference to draft German peace treaty.
- 1962 — Ceylon's prime minister arrives in Peking on mission conciliation.
- 1969 — Sweden becomes first Western European country to announce it will establish full diplomatic relations with North Vietnam.
- 1977 — Two Soviet cosmonauts rocket into space to join crew of orbiting Salut research station.
- 1988 — Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak warns that Egypt will not stand idle in face of Iranian threats to Arab countries in the Gulf.
- 1989 — Astronomers discover 90-trillion-mile (145-trillion km) — long stream of gas that appears to be feeding black hole at centre of earth's milky way galaxy.

## Indecisive war of attrition

## Uprising jubilation is waning

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (CSM): When Palestinians observed the first anniversary of their uprising against Israel one year ago, their mood was ebullient. Their long quest to cast off Israel's 22-year focus of world attention. A diplomatic breakthrough, the first step toward a hoped-for Palestinian state, seemed near.

One year later the jubilation is gone.

The rebellion led by stone-throwing youths has evolved into a grueling, indecisive war of attrition which Israeli troops have failed to crush and Palestinians have failed to escalate.

Hopes for a diplomatic solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict are fading, even though Israel and the PLO have now given conditional approval to a US plan leading to an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue.

The grim realization has set in that translating civil resistance into an end to Israeli occupation will require years, not months, and more of the kind of human and economic sacrifices that have already led nearly 600 Arabs dead and the Palestinian standard of living cut nearly in half.

"Both sides have their authority in the territories," says a West Bank merchant of the standoff that now exists between the "shadow" government of the Palestinian uprising leadership and the Israeli occupation administration backed by the blunt force of Israeli arms. "It's very complicated to live in the middle."

The Palestinian intifada began in Gaza on Dec 2, 1987, following the death of four Palestinians in a road accident with an Israeli Army jeep.

The protest demonstrations that followed, which quickly spread to the West Bank, catalyzed years of pent-up hostility toward the occupation and revived the fortunes of the Tunis-based Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), which speaks for West Bank and Gaza Palestinians. Two years later, the battle between Palestinians and Israelis remains inconclusive.

Although the massive street demonstrations common during the first year have given way to more subtle forms of resistance, including the non-payment of taxes, the intensity of the intifada has



Palestinian youths carry a wounded youth to a hospital during the uprising. (Reuter wirephoto)

not diminished. The number of Palestinians shot dead by Israeli soldiers this year is higher than the first year total of 277, according to the Israeli human rights group B'Tselem.

On the other hand, Israelis have grown accustomed to the uprising — despite economic and military costs running into the hundreds of millions of dollars annually — and have disengaged emotionally from the daily intifada-related deaths and injuries.

"Israel has a high threshold for the difficult, unpleasant, and ambiguous," explains Harry Wall, Israel director of the Anti-Defamation League.

Moreover, after two years of uprising, Palestinians are showing signs of discord and fatigue. Divisions among supporters of factions of the PLO and Hamas — the main Muslim fundamentalist organization in the territories — have widened over basic issues, such as whether to escalate the uprising by using firearms, how to deal with alleged collaborators, and whether to give diplomacy a chance.

Palestinians insist they hold no illusions about the strength of their adversary.

"The intifada has taught us that we are dealing with a very determined and very stubborn enemy," says Raja Shehada, a West Bank attorney and founder of the Palestinian human rights group Al Haq.

But Shehada and other Palestinians argue — and few Israelis disagree — that the uprising has permanently altered the state quo that has existed since 1967. Never again will the Jewish state rule the territories without substantial political, moral, and economic cost.

"Even if the intifada stops today, we have come a long, long way," says a West Bank journalist, who describes the intifada as a "gestation period" that will pre-cede genuine independence. "Israelis used to think of Palestinians as mere shepherds. Now they treat us with more respect."

So far, Palestinians can point only to such intangibles as greater respect and a stronger sense of political identity as the payoff for two years of struggle and sacrifice. More concrete achievements will depend on whether the conflict can be transferred from the back streets to the bargaining table.

The intifada forced the PLO to take the diplomatic initiative by recognizing Israel, renouncing terrorism, and opting to settle for a "two-state" solution.

The concessions drew the United States into a dialogue with the PLO one year ago and prompted Israel last May to float its first peace initiative directly at Palestinians rather than Arab states acting on their behalf.

But even though the structure for a settlement is in place, the violence of the intifada and the brutality of Israel's methods of quashing it have redoubled fear and hatred on both sides — now the biggest obstacle to compromise and negotiation.

As a prominent diplomatic analyst notes, both sides have evolved toward each other without either instilling confidence in the other's good intentions.

"Even though the diplomatic gap between the two sides has narrowed, the psychological gap between them is probably wider and deeper now than ever before," explains Dominique Moïse, a senior fellow at the Institute for International Studies in Paris.

## A symbol of quiet determination



Anna Walentynowicz

CARMEL, New York, (CSM): Anna Walentynowicz is called the "mother of Solidarity." Her dismissal as a crane operator in Gdansk's Lenin Shipyards set off the strike that launched Solidarity — and earned her a permanent place as a symbol of quiet determination in Poland's independent trade union movement.

But it did not secure her a berth in Solidarity's subsequent power structure. Today, Mrs Walentynowicz (Val-en-teen-OH-vitch) opposes Solidarity leader Lech Walesa. When he took the movement into government, she accused him of collaborating with the communists and making decisions without consulting the movement's rank-and-file...

"Her views are completely unimportant," said national Solidarity spokesman Janusz Onyzkiewicz in a phone interview. "Some people in Solidarity who were impatient founded another organization (Solidarity Working Group); Walesa has no need to consult them on anything."

If she feels slighted by her own exclusion from inner Solidarity circles, she does not say so. She clearly is not ready to retire as a footnote in history. As a member of the Solidarity Working Group, which brings together other radical union veterans, she calls for a return to trade union ideals.

Originally, she planned a brief tour to raise money for a memorial for Jerzy Popieluszko, an outspoken pro-Solidarity priest murdered by Polish state security officers in 1984. But conservative Polish-American groups ended up financing a full six-month speaking stay.

She came to "tell the real situation in Poland, because the American public has been misinformed by the news media."

The American public is under euphoria that changes in Poland are leading toward democracy. But the communists are again deceiving public opinion and even want to deepen Polish (foreign) debt. The credits they are asking the West for are for communists and not for the people. The Polish people still have no control over how to spend these credits."

Her message is not a popular one, she admitted in a three-hour interview. Her slogan, "Poland needs freedom, not credits," has raised little support with general Polish-American audiences. Nor has her severe criticism of Walesa, who made his own US tour seeking assistance for Poland's struggling economy. Her talk in New York, Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo, Washington, D.C., as well as in cities in Arizona, California, and Colorado often met with sharp questions from the floor and left behind a trail of heated letters in local Polish-language newspapers.

But, she says, she is used to standing up to opposition. And fear of authority, even within her own Solidarity movement, lost its hold on her long ago.

She speaks with a steady earnestness that leaves

little room for a light quip or amusing aside — or the charisma associated with Walesa. Her speech includes no qualification: no hesitation, no shades of gray; qualities that served her well during years of imprisonment and interrogation.

She began her career in 1950 as a welder in the Gdansk shipyards, a difficult job, but one she welcomed. "I was full of enthusiasm for the new communist government and its slogan, 'Youth are building Poland,'" she says.

Her views changed a year later while serving as a delegate to a youth meeting in East Berlin. At the meeting, she said, delegates were "told to lie and how to lie; what could be said to the public and what could not." Many in the Polish delegation used the opportunity to escape. The remaining delegates, including Walentynowicz, were locked into their hotel rooms and told never to speak of these defections in Poland. "We were told that if someone asked why the others did not return, we should answer, 'It's not true. It's just capitalist propaganda.'

She turned to radical politics in December 1970 when strikes and food riots in Baltic ports brought down Polish Communist leader Wladyslaw Gomulka — and led to the deaths of 50 workers.

The new Polish leadership promised reform. "This turned out to be another lie," she says.

In April 1976 she became one of the founders of the independent trade union movement in Gdansk and launched an underground newspaper, Robotnik Wybrzeza (Workers of the Coast), to expose corruption and injustice in the workplace.

The union leadership began with three activists, and grew to seven, including Walesa. Even though there are no women in the top ranks of Solidarity, four of the seven original organizers were women, she says.

"Woman activists were in the worst situation, because they were responsible for children. But I could afford sacrifice, because I was a widow and my son was in the Army," she says.

Her first arrest for political activism came in December 1978. Without going into detail, she says it is simply as a time of "humiliation and shame."

"I was treated very badly by prison authorities and in great fear. They asked me to collaborate with them in the shipyard, and when I refused they said, 'You will be arrested again soon.'

After her release, she sought out Andrzej Gwiazda, chairman of the independent labour union, and told him "I'm sorry, I can't work with you, I'm afraid."

He replied, "Why? What's wrong with you? If they're arresting you, they're afraid of you. If they're afraid of you, why should you be afraid of them?"

She recalls his rebuke as a turning point in her life. "While I was arrested every December thereafter" for sponsoring a collection to buy memorial flowers for the victims of the 1970 massacre, the experience was never again as fearful, she says.

On Feb 1, 1980, the authorities laid off many people involved in the independent trade union. Walentynowicz was transferred to a military shipyard with a warning that she would be fired if she continued to publish the newspaper. She refused the transfer and was laid off on charges of drunkenness. She fought her layoff in Polish labour courts, won the case on Aug 7, but was not reinstated. Workers rallied to her cause: "The union told the crew of the shipyard that if they don't fight for the leaders of their cause, they will never gain anything."

Her account of the subsequent historic shipyard strike contrasts with the heroic version surrounding Walesa. He did not "leap over the shipyard wall," she insists. "The gates were open. He just walked through."

Not did Walesa organize the strike, she said. It was organized by activist Jozef Borowczak. "Then, when the strike was already in effect, Walesa appeared."

Walesa went on to negotiate legalization of Solidarity, and win a Nobel Peace Prize for his activities. After martial law in 1981, he never stopped preaching the necessity of compromise. When the communists offered to talk to him again, he agreed. The negotiations led to Solidarity's relegalization and partially free elections and paved the way for Poland's first non-communist government.

Despite these successes, Mrs Walentynowicz fears that compromise will not rid Poland of communism. To compromise is to collaborate, an option she refused in the early days of the movement, and sees no need for now.

"We're back at the beginning," she says.

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## Letters to the editor

## Communism uprooted

SIR: Pope John Paul during his first historic visit to Poland encouraged Walesa and his group not to get frightened of the prevailing communist system. He told them to fight out that cruel system where human conscience was not allowed to function freely. Since then the uprooting of communism was started.

The free contact between God and human beings cannot be suppressed for long. The word of a religious leader can create more effect than that of an emperor or the head of the government of any country. The word of an ordinary priest in the church praying for freedom of conscience ignited the latest revolution in Romania. By using the venue of a pulpit, Martin Luther King, Jr shook the mighty Americans practising apartheid. By following the path of Christianity, Cardinal Sin in Philippines has permanently destroyed the 20 years' dictatorial roots of Ferdinand Marcos. In the last election, listening to their leadership in India, Muslims voted in mass against Rajiv's government and brought in V.P. Singh's government.

From the present trend in the world and especially in the communist bloc countries, I feel man wants to seek more and more solace in God. Towards this direction, freedom of conscience is imperative. In the coming years, man will go on asking for more and more freedom either to practice his religion freely or to protect his identity, culture and tradition. The present USSR consists of several territories which were formally annexed to Russia by its leaders and imposed its ideology on them.

The people from these territories are now become self-conscious and assertive of their rights. Now they want not only to renounce the imposed communism but also to cede from Russian clutches. The territories like Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia and Armenia besides being Christian dominated are full of natural resources which are very much necessary for the Russian belly. Ukraine is yet another Catholic-dominated territory which is the granary of Russia and because of this, Hitler's army in the last world war was trying to capture it in order to starve the Russians; this territory is also demanding secession.

In order to silence this secessionist movement, poor atheist Gorbachev had to eat the bumble pie and rush to the Pope in Vatican in the name of detente and entente. But, according to my forecast, within the next few years because of the prevailing movement in Russia for greater freedom, USSR will disintegrate into many independent nations. The present perestroika of Gorbachev is a push towards this direction and if he is overthrown, people will turn restless and then against the iron band in Russia and thus civil war will erupt resulting in the creation of many independent nations.

Meantime, the whole scenario is watched by the West and Americans with optimism that Russia will disintegrate for which they were waiting since last 70 years. Russia's fall will naturally be the gain of Americans who then will have no opponent to dominate the world and thus the world will be without the power to counter-balance the Americans. This will have adverse effects on the smaller nations especially from Central America.

A. Veronica Fernandes  
Kuwait

## Man and nature

SIR: Man's desire for freedom increases with the amount of oppression made against him. The more torture and oppression, the more eager one becomes for freedom eg. Romania and freedom struggle in East Europe.

2. The most important thing for man's peace is his religion and his belief in God, eg. Romania.

3. Man should preserve its natural balance provided by God and he should never do anything to harm them. Man harms the atmosphere by using chemical substances and creates wealth by mass production. Now the whole world is affected. Man should take early action to stop using these harmful chemicals. He should start using natural methods of God for cooling and heating for instance water is a natural and healthy substance given to man for cooling and heating. Rather than using gas for cooling we should use water cooling techniques since the world is cooled by vapour arising from sea water.

4. The world is made by God for man. Therefore man's needs must be given importance. Institutions are made for man and therefore they should give priority to labour benefits and then they will get profits without trouble. Countries, governments should give priority to its people and to human beings as a whole and each

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## MOSCOW raises gold prices

MOSCOW, Jan 9. (Reuters): The Soviet government, faced with a run on gold, announced a 50 per cent rise in the price of jewellery today and said the extra revenue would be used to help fund social programmes.

In a further sign of the squeeze on the Soviet shopper, authorities in Leningrad announced plans to restrict sales of certain scarce goods to local residents.

The Robochaya Tribuna daily reported that a car shortage was driving up the auction price of Volga Sedans to 100,000 roubles, more than four times the official state price and equivalent to 30 years' average salary.

This equal \$170,000 at the artificially distorted official exchange rate but around \$17,000 at the new tourist rate introduced last November.

A brief announcement carried by major newspapers said retail prices of jewellery and other articles made with gold would go up by 50 per cent from tomorrow.

There would also be a corresponding rise in prices paid by the state to buy gold from the population, the report said.

Gold has almost disappeared from Russian shops as consumers, worried about inflation and faced with growing pay packets and nothing to spend them on, have rushed to buy the metal.

Sales of gold and silver objects shot up by 45 per cent in the first day of last year, the latest period for which figures were available, while stocks fell by a third.

Introduction of the new tourist currency rate in November, a virtual 10-fold devaluation of the ruble, also appeared to help trigger the run on the metal.

At a meeting in Leningrad, reported by the official news agency Tass, local authorities agreed to follow nearby Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in restricting sales of certain scarce goods to local residents.

"Until recently, Leningraders could scarcely complain about the shortage of consumer goods of primary necessity," Tass said.

## dollar higher, gold down

LONDON, Jan 9. (UPI): The dollar closed mostly higher against the major European currencies today, boosted by profit-taking for the German mark. Gold was down.

The dollar closed higher in Frankfurt, at 1.6805 German marks against 1.6665 at Monday's close, and also was higher in Zurich at 1.5275 Swiss francs against 1.5252, in Brussels at 1.527 Belgian francs against 1.508 and in Milan, at 1.256.50 lire against 1.256.40.

The dollar closed lower, in Paris at 5.7250 French francs against 5.7315.

In London, the pound closed higher at \$1.6535 against 1.6530.

Dealers said profit-taking on the German mark came after comments by Buodeshank President Kari Otto, who said that a further realignment of the European Monetary System following the devaluation of the Italian lira last weekend was not expected.

## Currency rates

KUWAIT, Jan 9. (Kuwait): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait today.

US dollar	0.29208	0.29203
Sterling	0.47974	0.48194
DM	0.17365	0.17446
Sw. Fr.	0.19008	0.19056
F.Fr.	0.05091	0.05114
It.lira	0.0002322	0.0002344
Jap.yen	0.0020607	0.0020611
Bah.din	0.77156	0.77483
UAE Dir.	0.07919	0.07933
S. riyal	0.07935	0.07938
Q. riyal	0.07937	0.07923
O. riyal	0.75347	0.75858

KUWAIT, Jan 9. (Kuwait): Following are the average K.D. interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8.3/8	8.5/8
3 months	8.3/8	8.5/8
6 months	8.1/4	8.1/4
1 year	8.3/16	8.7/16

## EXCHANGE RATES

Indian rupee	0.017310
Sri Lankan rupee	0.017370
Pakistani rupee	0.016970
Yemeni rial	0.016950
US dollar	0.83250
Round sterling	0.79450
UAE dirham	1.74500
Deutsche mark	0.02019
Japanese yen	0.02019

Pace of export capacity accelerates

# Iraq, US strengthen trade ties

NEW YORK, Jan 9. (Kuwait): Iraq is getting ready to vault to the front ranks of the world's oil powers, a move that will greatly enhance the influence of Iraq's President Saddam Hussein in Arab and Mideast politics, the Wall Street Journal predicted yesterday.

Just 16 months after the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war, Iraq can already outproduce Iran, its export capacity is growing faster than that of any other producer and its status in world oil markets rises, the authoritative newspaper reported in a front-page feature article from Baghdad.

Pumping three million barrels a day of its claimed crude-oil capacity of 4.5

million, Iraq suddenly has emerged as the second-largest producer in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, after Saudi Arabia, in Arab and Mideast politics, the Wall Street Journal predicted yesterday.

Iraq's political importance is growing too, the paper said, citing as an example President Hussein's key role in establishing the Baghdad-based Arab Co-operation Council which is developing economic, scientific and financial ties between Iraq, Egypt, Jordan and Arab Republic of Yemen.

Although Iraq and the United States don't appear to be pressing for closer political ties, the two countries are rapidly strengthening trade relations.

US exports to Iraq, especially in agricultural products and oilfield services, have been surging, while the US now purchases more than 500,000 barrels of Iraqi oil a day, making Iraq the sixth-largest supplier of America's fast-growing petroleum imports, according to the newspaper.

Just three of the more than 70 countries that produce oil — the Soviet Union, the US and Saudi Arabia — have more production capacity than Iraq does. But the Soviets are plagued with operating problems and the US is running dry. Only Saudi Arabia, now pumping about 5.4 million barrels a day, is expanding, the newspaper said.

Iraq denies, however, any intention of trying to replace Saudi Arabia as the number one producer, and says it will adhere to its Opec quota of 3.1 million barrels a day.

"I am not in competition with anybody," Iraq's Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi is quoted to have said in an interview with the newspaper in Baghdad.

But the 47-year-old official also said, according to the interview, Iraq is spending \$2 billion a year on the industry and getting results.

"The emphasis was, first of all, on our export outlets, but we are continuing

development of the fields and exploration activities and will further develop refining," Al Chalabi said.

Iraq has 32 to 33 drilling rigs running now and plans to increase them by five or six in 1990, the minister told the newspaper. Last year, those rigs drilled some 130 wells in Iraq's southern region alone.

Asked how high Iraq's production can go, Al Chalabi said with its reserves and potential and fields, his country can easily produce from six to eight million barrels a day, "but we have no plans for that — yet." For now, he said, Iraq is keeping capacity at 4.5 million barrels and will review it, if necessary,

— year. Officially, Iraq's proven oil reserves are put at 100 billion barrels — 10 per cent of the world's total and more than any country, except Saudi Arabia. Now it appears that the estimate is too low.

Meanwhile, Iraq said today it would slash its foreign debt this year by \$3 billion, nearly 10 per cent of Western estimates of its total debt owed to non-Arab countries.

Trade Minister Mohammed Mahdi Saleh told Reuters that an economic plan for 1990 provided for "reduction of the country's total foreign debts by \$3 billion this year, apart from other plans to pay part of the debts by oil."

Top oil officials to visit Kuwait, Saudi Arabia

## Japan plans to open retail market in Gulf

DUBAI, Jan 9. (Reuters): Top Japanese oil officials begin a Gulf tour tomorrow aimed at ensuring supplies from the region which provides Japan with more than two-thirds of its oil needs.

Their talks in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait will centre on extending concession rights of the Japanese-dominated Arabian Oil Company (AOC) which produces crude in the neutral zone between the two countries, Gulf oil industry sources said.

They said the visit had added importance as Saudi Arabian Oil Minister, Hisam Nazer, will travel to Tokyo on January 25 to discuss the kingdom's requests for a share in Japan's fast growing petrolium market.

"Japan plans to open its retail market to Gulf states in exchange for secure crude supplies in 1990," an oil industry analyst in the Gulf said.

Masaji Yamamoto and Naoki Kuroda, senior petroleum officials at Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Mit), will visit Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) between January 10-13.

They will then travel to Paris via Amman to attend an International Energy Agency meeting.

Middle East oil producers, the UAE foremost among them, supplied 76.3 per cent of Japan's 3.9 million barrels per day (bpd) oil imports last November.

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Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have a 10 per cent stake in AOC and the rest is owned by Japanese concerns. AOC's production capacity is around 500,000 bpd.

AOC's concessions expire around the year 2000 and Japan wants to have them extended in exchange for letting Saudi Arabia and Kuwait into its downstream oil market, oil sources said.

Japan restricts foreign investment in its oil sector to protect domestic refiners. But it is also deregulating the oil sector, which may allow the entry of foreign capital into the retail oil business.

The presence of Gulf producers in the retail market would ease Japan's oil supply disruption fears and at the same time give Gulf producers secure outlets at times when world

demand is low.

The Gulf countries on the officials' itinerary already have downstream participation in Europe and the United States and plan to extend it to the Far East, oil industry officials said.

Nazer will visit Japan on a private basis between January 25 and February 4 as part of a Far East tour which will also take him to South Korea and Indonesia, oil industry sources in the Gulf said.

They said he planned to meet Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu and senior Mit officials.

Oil consumption in the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (Oecd) countries, for 1989 as a whole, was estimated at 37.4 million barrels a day (mbd), according to figures released by the International Energy Agency (IEA) in its monthly oil market report.

DUBAI, Jan 9. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, made \$2 billion a week selling crude in 1981. It will be a mere half a billion this year.

The kingdom has seen its real investment and purchasing power fall to perhaps one-tenth, or less, of what it was a decade ago due to inflation and the falling value of the dollar.

The message for the 1990s is that the days of oil super riches in the Gulf are over.

Because Gulf Arabs have less money, economists and financial experts see three major investment themes in the next 10 years.

Gulf petrodollars will continue to search for more diversified, long-term investments overseas.

Gulf states will spend more of their available capital on boosting oil output capacity, on developing and maintaining their own economies and on providing jobs for their growing indigenous populations.

The overseas stock of investment capital of the six nations of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), which also includes the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, and Oman, will rise only slowly compared with world capital flows.

While in Japan, the Gulf's major oil customer, individual private investors alone, saving about \$1 billion a day, total current GCC oil revenues, excluding the cost of production, are only about \$150 million a day.

Regional economists' estimates put a rough value of \$350 billion on GCC overseas investments, about half public, half private, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait hold the bulk of them.

But most of the original capital was built up during the oil boom years of the 1970s and 1980s, and most of it is still in US and Western European bonds and stocks.

Gulf institutions have diversified in recent years in reaction to the rapid rise of the Japanese yen as an international currency, the drop in the value of the dollar and the 1987 stock market crash.

Japanese investment managers estimate the major Gulf players have raised the yen part of their portfolios to more than 20 per cent from virtually zero during the decade.

Three major factors could shift, or change completely, the development of these themes in the next decade, they said.

## Arms purchases helped industry: Riyadh

NICOSIA, Jan 9. (Reuters): Saudi Arabian Industry Minister Abdulaziz Al Zamel has said that his country's big arms purchases from abroad have helped boost local industry.

Saudi Arabia has profited from its foreign defence purchases to a large extent through the establishment of joint industrial and services companies with those who signed contracts with the Ministry of Defence," Al Zamel told Saudi television late last night.

"The kingdom will buy military equipment to defend itself, but at the same time asks foreign companies to put part of their investments in the kingdom against these purchases," the Saudi Press Agency, received in Cyprus, quoted him as saying.

## Currency Monitor reviews market

### Oil revenues begin to diminish

This is the second part of this article. First part appeared on Tuesday, Jan 9.

#### Deutsche mark

The West German Deutsche mark has strengthened significantly over the course of 1989, much of it coming during the latter part of the year. On a trade-weighted basis the currency has gained over 6 points to 118.1. The DM progressively gained vis a vis the weaker Japanese yen to over 100 compared with Y70 at the start of the year.

The advance has been equally impressive against sterling with the DM moving from DM2.22 in January to current DM2.78. Further losses vis a vis the dollar have been entirely recovered to below the DM2.70 level.

In line with our long held belief, the DM has strengthened on the back of its vastly superior economic performance. Despite a tighter monetary stance, current strong growth will provide a GNP figure of 1989 in excess of 4 per cent reflecting sustained domestic investment and buoyant export demand.

The external account continues to benefit. Although narrowing in October the trade surplus of DM9.5 billion DM14.1 billion compared with DM102 billion over the same period in 1988.

#### Japanese yen

Over the year the yen has weakened considerably, reflecting largely the earlier political uncertainty and more recently the reluctance of the central authorities to move domestic interest rates higher in line with international rate rises elsewhere.

On an effective trade weighted basis the Japanese currency has depreciated from Y150 at the start of the year to a current 132. A large component of the loss has been against a strong Deutsche

## Saudi, Iraqi ministers inaugurate pipeline

NICOSIA, Jan 9, (Reuters): The Saudi and Iraqi oil ministers today formally opened a pipeline that will add some 1.1 million barrels per day to Iraq's oil export capacity, the state-run Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported.

The Iraqi pipeline, through Saudi Arabia (Ipsa-2) was inaugurated by Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Al-Nazer and his Iraqi counterpart Issam Al-Chalabi at a ceremony in the Red Sea port of Yanbu.

"This project reflects the depth of co-operation between our two countries ... on the bilateral and international levels," SPA, received in Cyprus, quoted Nazer as saying.

Chalabi said the \$2 billion pipeline was strategically important for Iraq, which started the project two years ago at the height of its eight-year war with Iran.

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"Its impact is represented in market stability and price improvement," he said.

## US to push for major changes in trade talks

WASHINGTON, Jan 9, (AP): US Trade Representative Carla Hills said today that President George Bush's administration will push for widespread changes as it enters the final year of negotiations aimed at rewriting the rules of global trade.

She said that eliminating trade-distorting agricultural subsidies, which are costing billions of dollars world-wide, remained a top priority but that the farm issue was only one of several areas in which the administration is making efforts to expand opportunities for US exporters.

"I have a political imperative to get reforms across the board," she told reporters during a news conference.

The Bush administration hopes to use the global trade negotiations, known as the Uruguay round, as a way of expanding market opportunities for US farmers and businesses and thus restore shrinking the country's trade deficit, currently stuck above \$100 billion annually.

The negotiations, involving the 96 member countries of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, are due to conclude in December. Hills said, however, that she hoped an agreement in at least one key area, the rules guaranteeing market access, can be worked out well in advance of the final deadline.

She said that resolution of this topic is possible because "there is no East-West or North-South split (between countries). There are problems for everyone in the package and benefits for everyone in the package."

Hills also listed a US initiative to write rules covering about \$1 trillion in annual global trade that is either not now protected by GATT rules or for which the current protection is inadequate.

## MILAN — ITALY

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industry which for the last decade has been dogged by accidents, public distrust and stagnant sales worldwide.

State-run Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd (Aec), which will build Ontario's new reactors, believes the 1990s will witness a resurrection of nuclear power with a steady increase in demand at home and abroad.

Aec, which has not sold a reactor since 1981, puts its new optimism down to a growing confidence that nuclear power can offer a cleaner alternative to coal and other energy sources.

It also notes that most of the world's easily accessible dam sites have been

harnessed and that natural gas reserves cannot meet the power needs of the world in the next 20 years.

"Thirty years from now, natural gas supplies will be running out, and the only cost-effective and environmentally safe power source (left) will be nuclear," said Aec spokesman Mac Keillor.

"Over the next 20 years you will see nuclear power slowly establish itself as the dominant power source," beaded Keillor.

Keillor cited US studies suggesting about 62,000 people had died from respiratory and other diseases caused by coal-fired plants in the past 70 years.

This compared with 31 deaths from the direct effects of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear accident in the Soviet Union.

Aec feels it has an unbeatable design in its heavy-water Candu reactor, which should attract other Canadian provinces. New Brunswick and Saskatchewan are already considering purchases and Newfoundland has said it would study the nuclear option.

In December South Korea's state-run Korean Electric Power Corp. obtained approval to spend \$1 billion on an Aec reactor, adding to one Aec built for them in 1970s. The Canadians,

who have been working on the sale for months, feel they have it largely sewn up.

Although there is no shortage of buyers for reactors, especially in the Third World, political and financing problems can often hamper a sale.

In September Israel inquired about buying a \$862 million Candu, but Canada said a sale could only occur if Israel signed the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and agreed to a strict monitoring process, designed to ensure reactors are not used for military purposes.

Aec hopes to keep ahead of com-

petitors with the Candu 3 model, a smaller reactor with a standardised, modular design that can deliver 450 megawatts of power and be built in 35 months.

About 80 per cent of plants being constructed or planned around the globe in the 1990s are in the 400-megawatt range, according to the Canadian Nuclear Association Industry Group.

"Candu 3 is our big hope, we're expecting a real turnaround," said Keillor. "Our competitors are starting to build smaller reactors, while we have already been designing and developing one for three years."

# Canada to spend \$17.2b on 10 new reactors

Nuclear power industry to get a boost

TORONTO, Jan 9, (Reuters): Canada has rekindled its faith in the nuclear power industry with a plan by its largest power supplier to spend \$17.2 billion on 10 new reactors over the next 25 years.

Ontario Hydro last month proposed spending a total \$53 billion by 2014 on new nuclear, gas and hydroelectric stations, and on refurbishing coal plants, to meet the projected energy needs of Ontario, Canada's most industrialised province.

The company, already the world's third-largest nuclear power producer, has renewed its commitment to an

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WASHINGTON, Jan 9, (AP): Governments of major industrial countries, with the United States at the top of the list, are expecting to agree soon to contribute \$25 billion or more to help Third World and Eastern European countries through the International Monetary Fund.

The fund works out agreements with borrowing countries on new policy programmes for them. They usually include a large dose of austerity for the borrowing country.

When agreements are reached, the fund lends heavily to support them. Its most recent accord, due for final approval this month, will provide Poland's new non-communist leadership with \$710 million this year.

The side, who spoke on condition of anonymity, recalled that the last US contribution of \$8.5 billion was approved by a narrow margin in 1983. On the one hand,

before the end of the year.

In return Poland has made a series of moves toward a market-driven economy, ending price controls and promising to sell or shut down government industries that are running heavy losses.

Of a \$50-billion contribution, \$10 billion would be expected from the United States.

But that expectation may be too much.

"There will be trouble getting Congress to approve," predicted a congressional aide who follows the issue closely.

"A lot of congressmen will resist giving all that money to foreigners while their own favourite programmes are being cut at home."

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the widespread feeling that Eastern Europe must be helped will carry much weight within Congress, he said.

Other leading countries — Japan, West Germany, France and Britain — would furnish \$2 to \$4 billion each. The exact proportion is one of the questions holding up an agreement.

Lower-level officials are trying to set the exact figures this week and resolve the question of Japan's share. If they fail, Finance Minister Michael W. Wilson of Canada is expected to call together all US Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady and other leaders to make the decision at the end of this month. They would meet as the fund's interim committee, of which Wilson is the new chairman.

The fund now has resources worth about \$117 billion but much of it is in the form of third World currencies that borrowers

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## Colombia still waiting for US aid

### New trade restrictions imposed

### Colombia to launch car venture in Hungary

### Broad agreement signed

to be stationed in international waters off of Colombia to monitor air traffic from the nation for signs of drug activity.

However, the Colombian government's most vocal critic of the US actions, Foreign Minister Julio Londono Paredes, was to resign on Monday, a Colombian radio reported.

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Some programmes are moving forward, officials said. Colombia is expected to submit next week a list of products for which the United States invited it to seek duty-free entry.

And Colombia by the end of 1989 had received \$600 million of a \$1.1 billion commercial loan supported by the United States, and \$150 million in the final instalment of a multilateral development loan, the Colombian official said.

Things are moving at a brisk pace in a few areas. In many areas there is no perceptible movement yet and they will have to get moving for the plans to be truly filled," a Colombian diplomatic source told Reuters.

US pledges to help revive international coffee price supports crucial to Colombia's economy have so far been fruitless. Promises to open US markets to more Colombian goods have not materialised, while new trade restrictions have been imposed.

A failure to deliver could worsen US-Colombian tensions as President George Bush prepares for a high-profile drug summit with Latin American leaders in Colombia in February.

Tensions between the two nations, which were drawn together last year as allies in a war against the international drug trade, have begun to worsen as the United States flexes its military muscles in Latin America.

Colombian officials criticised the December US invasion of Panama. And over the weekend Colombia said it would not take part in a US naval flotilla

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## EVENTS

### Indian Video Roundup

# Surviving against odds

By Fathima Ahmed

Arab Times staff  
THE portrayal of women in Hindi cinema has never been acceptable; Bombay filmmakers either exploit them or stick to stereotyped imaging show them as a submissive doormat. But not so in *Main Zinda Hoon*, which takes an honest look at the survival of a woman against all odds.

Sudhir Mishra's film belongs to the so-called "art" movie category, and may not do well at the box office. But it is one film that does justice to a woman's dignity and honour, encouraging her to emerge as an individual with a mind and personality of her own.

Beena's story could be that of any middle class woman who is trapped in a social system that

first traps her and then exploits her, and when the time comes for a showdown, she is left to fend for herself.

It is a scathing social comment on the dilemma of some women, who are expected to be providers but never provided for; they must serve but demand nothing. *Main Zinda Hoon* takes a sympathetic view of women in such situations and, for once, does justice to their resilience and strength.

Finely sketched, it opens with Beena's marriage to Alok (Alok-nath), a clerk in an office in Bombay. The ceremony symbolises the "burden of responsibility." For Beena, it is the start of a fresh life; for Alok, it means he has to feed another mouth. He resents his wife, thrust on him by his parents.

In subtle ways, it shows the

weaknesses in the system, for instance Alok's marriage against his wishes, the outcome of a culture that instills obedience by suppressing individuality.

Beena's loveless marriage, in which her husband Alok tells her to ask his parents to explain his resentment towards her, was doomed from the start.

And when Alok vanishes, Beena is expected to take over when her husband left off. Her economic independence gives her a degree of respect in her new home. She pays the bills and buys her dignity.

To maintain the status quo, her in-laws also agree to her "remarriage," provided her second husband lives with them. It is at this point that the ruthless, self-protective attitude of the society hits us with ferocity as we watch Beena's helplessness and despair. Alok reappears in her life. Once he comes back, her in-laws turn against her—and Alok expects her to accept him as her husband.

In one of the most memorable images in the film, we are shown the undignified betrayal of a woman's desires and dreams, with tragic consequences. It is only when Beena recovers the strength to carry on that our hope in humanity is rekindled.

It is one of the finest films on women's issues, sincerely seeking justice where none exists. It is touching, and deeply moving cinema, and at times depressing.

Deepthi Naval as Beena excels in her role with ample support from Alok-nath and Pankaj Kapoor who play the two men in her life.

#### Souten ki Beti

Sawan Kumar Tak's *Souten ki Beti* is said to be a "women's liberation" movie, whatever that means. In short, it propagates bigamy, finally deciding that monogamy is the accepted norm.

Why? Tak toys with an idea to get justice for the "other woman," in this instance first love, Radha (Rekha) in Shyam's (Jectendra) life. If Shyam truly

loved Radha, why did he marry Rukmini (Jaya Prada)? Tak's film's explanation is unacceptable.

Shyam is that male creature who can love many women at the same time. So he loves both Radha and Rukmini. At first, he goes overboard at wooing Radha but does not hesitate to drop her like a hot potato when duty calls. He belongs to that self-centred species who treat women like rubber balls, bouncing them at will to suit their fancy. Now, in this scenario comes Rukmini, who feels that Radha must get justice.

Radha belongs to that chapter in his life that he'd rather close; but Rukmini won't let him. Tak tries to pass across this point of view with disastrous results on our psyche.

First, Radha's credentials are soiled. As an air hostess, she is shown as a person who can fall prey to lust. Did Radha succumb to lust or love? The issue is reduced to mimicry, and all one can do is laugh at the pen brains who make mockery of a serious matter.

Sawan Kumar loves to deal in the implausible, and therefore promotes bigamy.

Rukmini's vision of justice is incredible, at least in the Indian milieu where social hypocrisy is the norm; and bigamy illegal.

Sawan Kumar can't argue with the law and makes a pathetic attempt to get justice for Radha, and when he fails, he succumbs to the rule—monogamy. To make matters worse, the problem spills over to the second generation. One must thank Sawan Kumar for small mercies, like not including the third or a fourth generation into the film.

*Souten ki Beti* was held up by the Indian censors for a long time; one feels they should have held on to it.

Both Radha and Rukmini are victims. As Rukmini tells Radha

"You succumbed to his (Shyam's) lust." Did she? Or was she cheated by a selfish individual who claimed to love?



Jaya Prada — a victim.

And Rukmini? She is an outsider.

An appropriate title for this film would have been *Patni ka Balidan*.

The above films are by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya, tel: 471-2900; and Falcon Video, Abbasiya.

## Raza Ali in Kuwait

RAZA ALI, grandson of "Padma Bhushan" Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan, and son of Ustad Munawwar Ali Khan exponent of Patiala Gharana, will be visiting Kuwait from Jan 10-26, 1990.

Raza Ali, the music director and singer of classical semi-classical and ghazals. He sings equally good in Urdu, Punjabi and Bengali.

During his stay he would perform in limited private programmes among his friends and music lovers in Kuwait.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMME

### KTV 1

#### MORNING PERIOD

- 9.30 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.45 Sabah Al Kher, news
- 10.15 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.30 Toyour Billa Ajneha: Arabic serial (part 7)
- 11.45 Al Waad: Beduin weekly serial (part 2)
- 12.25 Sabah Al Kher, news
- 12.35 Holy Quran and closedown

### KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Scooby Doo. A cartoon series for Children
- 6.30 Danger Bay "Catch a Falling Star". Jonah and Nicolas are rock climbing when Jonah videotapes a falling meteor. Maria Lvanova, a local astronomer, agrees to help find the scientific treasure.
- 7.00 The International Out-door Action-packed out-door, live-action adventures that circles the globe, capturing the universal family audience.
- 7.30 Growing Pains "Family Ties". How Mike is going to manage living without the help of his parents and without committing errors.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Top of the Hill. Tom Bell is kidnapped by Falcon's gang who starts negotiating for the release of Dickson... certain Congressmen interfere in this case.
- 9.30 The Science Edition
- 10.00 Cine Club presented by Farouk Abdulaziz
- 12.00 News in Brief
- 12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
White Ghost  
Al Hamra  
Les Fugitives  
Drive-in  
Arabic film  
Al Firdous  
Aakhri Muqabla  
Fahsheel  
Arabic film

Al Jabra  
The Hindenburg  
Granada  
Arabic film  
Selahishat  
Shock Troop  
Jeeb  
The Lawless Land  
Ahmadi Drive-in  
Arabic film



Babir



Sabagkit

## CHRE designation to two employees

EAST LANSING, Michigan, Jan 9. Romulo D. Babir, training director, Kuwait International Hotel, Edgardo A. Sabagkit, training officer, Kuwait International Hotel, have been awarded the Certified Human Resource Executive designation by the Educational Institute of the American Hotel and Motel Association (AH&MA). This announcement comes from John J. Clark, Jr., chairman of the Institute's Certification Commission and Dean, School of Hotel Administration, Cornell University.

The Certified Human Resources Executive is one of the highest designations offered by the Educational Institute. To qualify for this distinction, hotel/motel executives must demonstrate academic achievement and industry achievement.

The Educational Institute is a nonprofit educational foundation of the American Hotel and Motel Association. It provides continuing learning opportunities for lodging industry employees at all levels who wish to advance their careers through study and certification.



UAS visit Arab Times

YESTERDAY 28 students of the Universel American School's 12th grade visited the Arab Times. They toured around the premises and Yawar Meqsood, the sports editor, explained how the newspaper is put together.

## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

**Seminar**  
THE seminar at the DAA, on Arabic and European Art in The Light of Zodiacal Symbolism has been postponed. It will be given during the period Feb 11-March 11, 1990. Morning sessions on Sunday and Tuesday 11.00-12.30 am or evening session on Sunday and Tuesday 6.00-7.30 pm. Registration maybe made by phoning the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyah, Tel: 2430826, 2453259.

**Photography and Oil painting classes**  
Oil painting classes beginning 15 January.

Photography classes beginning 16 and 17 January.

8 week course, once a week 4.30 to 7.30 pm. For further details please call Ann Eid Tel. 2426135 or Yasmeen 5326833.

**Tribal Rugs & Oriental Prints**  
THE Sultan Gallery will be holding a Tribal Rugs and Oriental Prints exhibition starting Saturday Dec 23 until Jan 15. On Saturday, the Gallery will be open from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Else, it will be open from 9.30 am to 12.30 noon and 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm. For more information contact: 2421951.

**Hobby centre**  
A NEW 8 week course in Jewellery and Design making—For more details call:- Telephone: 5618847 or 5317354.

### SOCIAL

**The Carnival Nite**  
THE Entertainers proudly announces for the first time in Kuwait 'The Carnival Nite' which is scheduled to be held at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel's Le Mirage main ballroom on 22nd February 1990. Be sure to be there with your gilt and glamorous costumes to witness this traditional event. Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers will rhythm out their best musical performance for this occasion.

**Rothmans Gold Cup Finals**  
THE finals of the Rothman's Gold Cup Football Tournament organised by Salcete United Sports Centre, the sports wing of the weekend club, will take place on the Sour Grounds on Friday, January 12 at 9.00 am. Between Incredibile Sports Club and Goan Sporting. Aref Essa, manager of Rothmans, will give away the trophies. All are cordially invited.

### Konkani Drama

THE New Goans Overseas Association is pleased to announce Menino De Bandar's "Sounarsi Astana Diat" a Konkani play which will be held in the Indian Arts Circle (Funaiatees) on the 16th of February 1990. The cast all from Goa includes M. Boyer, Felcy, Josephine, Betty Alvares, Tita, Junior Rod, Carlos, Rosario, Dias, C. D'Silva, John de Parra and Menino De Bandar.

### Contact

THE next meeting of Contact, the ladies information group, will be held on January 13 at 10 am at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Their chef will be giving a demonstration. Newcomers welcome. For further information call 5388105 or 4715512.

### The People's Trust Club

The People's Trust Club's get together which was to be held on Jan 11 has been cancelled. The club apologises for any inconvenience.

### Kalpak's Drama Competition

KERALA Arts and Literature Promotion Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) is conducting a Malayalam One Act

### SPORTS

#### Ballet

STEPS Ballet School commences its new term. Jan 1990 registration is now open Saturday in the Kuwait English School, Salwa from 3-7 pm. Call 5386481 between 9-12 noon for more information. (For girls only 4-15 years).

#### Danette Dart

Tournament 1990  
The Dart Tournament for Dances will take place at the Gazebo Club on Friday, Jan 26, starting at 2 pm (expected to finish at 8 pm). It is a family event featuring separate junior tournament, so don't leave the children at home. For further details and registration, please call Henrik Licht — 3727688 ext 246; or Bjarme Rasmussen — 3720137 before Saturday, Jan 20.

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Ramada Al Salam  
GRAND Indian Food Festival from January 21-26. Display stalls open to Indian companies and individuals. Contact Clifton or Siddiq 04835344.

● All entries for the What's On Column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursdays, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

### PRAYERS

Fajr	5.20 am
Zohr	11.55
Asr	2.48 pm
Maghreb	5.07
Isha	6.29



PPC cancel celebrations

The Pakistan People's Club (PPC) has cancelled a planned celebration due to the train accident in Pakistan.

At an emergency meeting, held at the home of Rafiq Ahmed Mirza, the PPC decided to cancel a proposed music programme to celebrate the 62nd birth anniversary of former Pakistani prime minister Z. A. Bhutto on Jan 12. Instead of a musical programme, the PPC will celebrate the birth anniversary at a simple ceremony.

The meeting was presided over by PPC president Dr Riaz Ahmed Manesar and attended by a large number of members. Messages of condolence were sent to Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, Senior Minister Begum Nusrat Bhutto and Railway Minister Zafar Ali Laghari.

Some PPC members who attended the emergency meeting.

## BLONDIE



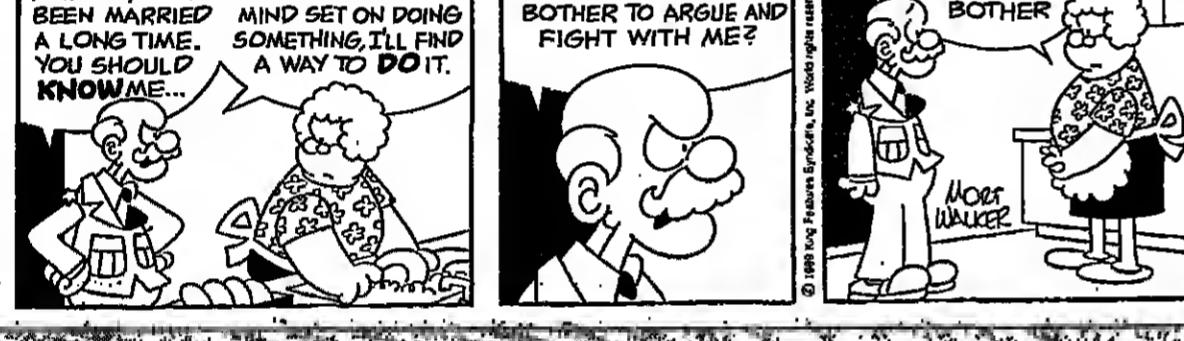
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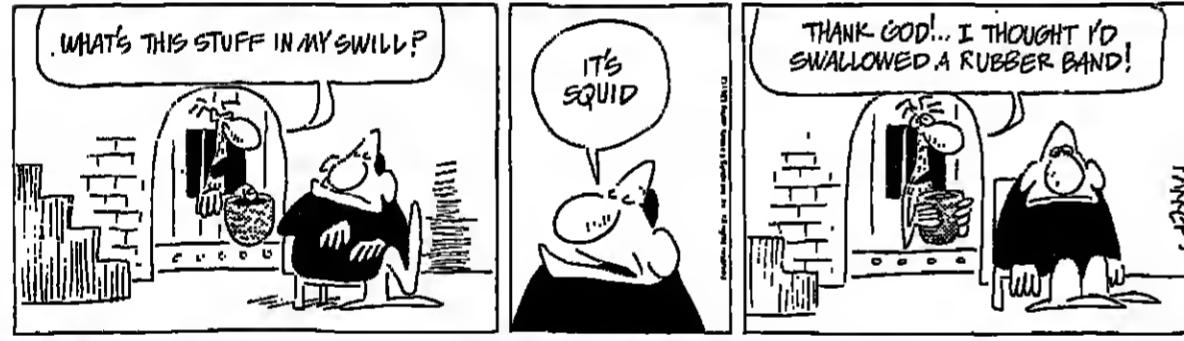
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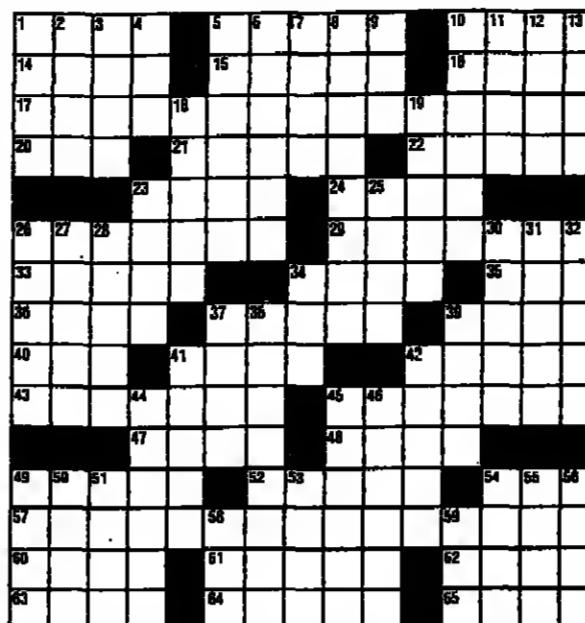
## C... By Johnny Hart



## HE-MAN



## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

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- 5 Unnerv
- 10 Amusingly affected
- 14 Aweather's opposite
- 15 Word with glow or horn
- 16 Length x width
- 17 Vermont resort
- 20 "—Pinafore"
- 21 "Tiny Alice" author
- 22 They mer escutcheons
- 23 Dear, in Kün
- 24 Soap ingredient
- 25 "Clair de lune" composer
- 26 Downpour
- 33 Mountain ridge
- 34 Gab or song follower
- 35 Printemps month
- 36 Stevens of opera fame
- 37 "Three little —"
- 39 Successor of a sort
- 40 Author Umberto —
- 41 Riped
- 42 Kitchen device
- 43 Strongmen
- 45 Modified
- 47 Pear or fig
- 48 New Mexico resort
- 49 Young porker
- 52 Took hold
- 54 Strange gadget
- 55 Massachusetts resort
- 60 Seline feeder
- 61 France's longest river
- 62 Jejune
- 63 Large, in Pans
- 64 Ancient

## kingdom of Burgundy

- 65 Madcap
- DOWN
- 1 Shindig
- 2 Former sr.
- 3 Pleads
- 4 Verbal assent
- 5 Martens' kin
- 6 Friendly
- 7 Nave's neighbor
- 8 Prepared leftovers
- 9 Part of SASE
- 10 Barn dance figure
- 11 A Guthrie
- 12 Athletic event
- 13 Treats
- 15 Poker ploy
- 19 Cut short, as a space mission
- 23 Pear-shaped instrument
- 25 Profit's companion
- 28 Challenges

## 27 Author Jong

- 28 Sweeper for Cinderella
- 30 Moslem ruler
- 31 Lacking worldly wisdom
- 32 Worn-out
- 34 In shape
- 37 Leo's pride
- 38 Town official
- 39 Scouries
- 41 Hence follows
- 42 Word with cobble or corner
- 44 Part of USA
- 45 Gard
- 46 Singer Frankie and others
- 49 Weather word
- 50 Mod musical
- 51 Roughly
- 53 Wicked
- 54 O'Hara home
- 55 — go bragh
- 56 MacDonald co-star
- 58 Carte words
- 59 Beaumont Hall of Famer

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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## YOUR STARS

Aries  
March 21 - April 19

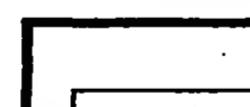
You will be able to make good and rapid progress. However, you must not neglect something that you do not like doing but is to be done. Do not give your partner any cause for concern. Be responsive.

Taurus  
April 21 - May 20

You will find it easier to adapt to the circumstances. However, you must avoid trying to find an easy way out, there isn't one. Save, but not by cutting down on essentials or sacrificing quality. Be less dependent.

Gemini  
May 21 - June 20

Try to show just a little more enthusiasm. Others will not be as appreciative as you think they ought to be. Never mind, you know you have done well. Be reliable.

Cancer  
July 23 - July 22

Try to make yourself into a pleasant companion — if you are not one already! You should look at the positive side of things. Ensure you get all the rest you need and take regular exercise too. Be trustworthy.

Leo  
July 23 - Aug 22

Avoid overstraining yourself but do not just sit back and admire your handwork. Make sure you do not fall down on your commitments. You will now get the hang of something you have been seeking to learn for some time. Be sincere.

Virgo  
Aug. 22 - Sept. 22

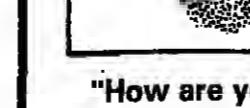
You have good reason to be pleased with yourself, but none too complacent. Take your commitments with the seriousness they deserve and require. Make sure you do not lose touch with an old friend. Be sensible.

Libra  
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

The prospects are good but you will have to work hard — nothing just comes your way. And make sure you do not spend if you are not in a position to do so. You are the one of the fortunate few who are. Act fast if you do not want to miss an opportunity. Be prudent.

Scorpio  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 22

You are sailing in the right direction but there is not much wind in your sails just now. However, if you show determination you will get there in the end. Make sure you do not strain yourself, try to improve your sitting position. Be honourable.

Sagittarius  
Nov. 23 - Dec. 22

The prospects are good but you will have to work hard — nothing just comes your way. And make sure you do not give up too soon. And make sure you do not accumulate things that you will never use again. Be moderate.

Pisces  
Feb. 20 - March 19

You should not spend too much time doing things that are pointless. However, you should not give up too soon. And make sure you do not accumulate things that you will never use again. Be moderate.

## GOREN BRIDGE

## BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

## A LESSON WELL LEARNED

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

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♥ A 10 9 8 2

♦ A 3 2

♦ K Q

WEST

♦ J 2

♦ 7 5

♥ K 4 3

♦ Q 6

♦ J 8 7 5 4

♦ K Q 9 6

♦ J 7 5 2

EAST

♦ 7 5

♥ 10

♦ A 8 3

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Dbl

Rdbl Pass 4 NT Pass

5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠

We have remarked before on how often lesson hands turn up at the table. This hand is from the recent Fall North American Championships.

North-South were playing two-over-one responses as a game force.

Thus, North's raise to three spades

showed a good hand — a jump to four spades would have been a sign-

off. After East's lead-directing double of four diamonds, South's redouble showed second-round control — either the king or a singleton. Four not trump, by partnership agreement, asked South for extra values, and five spades denied any. North, however, had enough to go on to slam.

The contract hinges on losing only one heart trick — something that can be accomplished with two finesse if West has at least one of the missing honors. That was destined to succeed as the cards lie, but declarer, Gary Hann of Ann Arbor, Mich., found the textbook line to guarantee his contract regardless of how the hearts were divided.

The opening diamond lead was taken with the ace and trumps were drawn in two rounds. Dummy's club honors served as entries for two diamond ruffs, and the ace of clubs was cashed to complete stripping the minor suits from both declarer's hand and the table.

With the groundwork laid, declarer simply led a heart and inserted the board's nine. East could win, but he would then either have to yield a ruff-and-sluff by returning a minor, enabling declarer to get rid of a heart, or lead a heart into dummy's tenace. Either way, declarer could claim his slam.



"Make sure you hand that pass-back before you leave the building."

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Thought to be fit for Chinese-dominated society

# Singapore lures skilled Hong Kong workers

SINGAPORE, (AP): Worried about a labour shortage caused by the emigration of skilled professionals, Singapore is wooing educated workers from Hong Kong who fear for their own future when the British colony reverts to China in 1997.

Hong Kong workers are thought to be a natural fit for Singapore's Chinese-dominated society. Language would not be a barrier and Singapore needs white-collar workers.

Many from Hong Kong have come already to live or to just to look around. Real estate brokers say Hong Kong citizens like Singapore's lush greenery and relative quiet, both in short supply where they come from. They also like the prices of condominiums and houses, usually far cheaper than in Hong Kong.

Some of the Hong Kong visitors are given carefully conducted "emigration tours" to meet government officials, bankers and others

who could be helpful if it becomes necessary to find homes in a new land.

Concern about Hong Kong's future under Chinese control began growing in 1984 after Beijing and London signed the joint declaration on reversion to Chinese rule. Confidence plummeted last June following China's violent crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square.

In parallel development, affluent and orderly Singapore has seen thousands of its own skilled, educated professionals leaving for better job opportunities and less stressful conditions abroad.

In 1988 alone, more than 4,700 families from what Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew called "our top 25 per cent" left the country, most for Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States.

Singapore was forced to reconsider some restrictive immigration policies intended to

protect its select jobs and, at the same time, recruit the skilled migrants who had not considered Singapore before.

The prime minister in 1987 said his country came "a poor third" after Canada and Australia in attracting such educated labour from Hong Kong. Before the China crackdown, attempts by Singapore to lure college graduates, professionals and business people from Hong Kong — the latter with the equivalent of \$510,000 in capital — met with little success.

Those leaving Hong Kong simply found greater opportunities in places other than Singapore, many were joining relatives in other countries.

That changed within weeks of the Tiananmen Square bloodbath, when Lee's government relaxed immigration restrictions on certain Hong Kong workers and their families, hoping to attract those with money or education or both.

Singapore approved a new quota permitting immigration of up to 25,000 Hong Kong workers who had at least a high school education, five years of on-the-job experience and an income of at least \$770 per month.

Within hours of the announcement, some 10,000 hopefuls swarmed Singapore's consulate in Hong Kong, reflecting the tension over China's crackdown.

The new law allows Hong Kong workers to work in Singapore for as long as five years before declaring legal residence, and after that lets them extend their one-year stay for another five years, giving them a chance to watch post-1997 Hong Kong before deciding whether to return.

Canada, Australia and other destinations require them to move on promptly. Britain itself maintains many immigration restrictions.

However, Hong Kong newspapers and some officials were alarmed as they watched an already serious brain drain worsen. They criticized what they saw as Singapore's opportunism in taking advantage of the colony's trouble.

The two have long been rivals as regional trade, finance and communications hubs. Both are free-trade ports, have limited space and no natural resources except strategic locations and the skill of their peoples.

George Yeo, Singapore's minister of state for foreign affairs, denied that his government acted to make things more difficult for Hong Kong or China.

If those in Hong Kong intended to leave anyway, he said, it would be better to keep them in the region so their talent would not be lost to North America or Australia.

One Singapore analyst said the wave of migration even might allow Singapore to

attract the skilled entrepreneurs who had moved to Hong Kong 41 years ago from Shanghai, before it fell to the communists. Their activities in Hong Kong had helped turn the British colony into an economic dynamo.

Mah Bow Tan, the Minister of State for Trade and Industry, said Singapore expects each skilled Hong Kong immigrant to add an average of \$80,000 to 100,000 dollars (\$42,105 to \$52,632) to Singapore's economy. Using the lower figure, Mah said 25,000 migrants would add 2 billion dollars (\$1.05 billion), about 4 per cent of the country's gross domestic product.

But not everyone awaits the newcomers with open arms.

"Our workers certainly do not want a flood of foreigners to come here and steal their jobs," said Chaim See Toog, secretary-general of the Singapore Democratic Party.

## On to power show

SA musicians sing about sufferings

MAMELODI, South Africa, (Reuters): Ray Phiri has come for South African musicians to sing about the political tide sweeping the country, promulgating politics to a form of power show business.

Phiri, one of the few successful musicians to have popularised South African music overseas, said it did not take long to realise he had to sing about the suffering caused by apartheid rather than love or romance.

"Many artists still sing about failed or successful romances. So I had to break the ice and sing about something that is destroying my country, apartheid," Phiri said.

"As a musician, if you first do not deal with the realities of your country, you cannot deal with anything else," he told Reuters during the interval of a concert with his band Stimela.

Thousands of South African music lovers, mostly blacks, flock to the country's main stadiums at weekends to listen to groups like Stimela.

They hoot, sing and dance, attracted by the exuberant rhythm and blues; Mbokanga ( township jive) and bawdy street language of new songs, many carrying hard-hitting political message.

Phiri and other musicians of international repute such as Sipho Mahluse and Johnny Clegg believe artists should speak out because emergency laws ban so-called subversive statements and gag opposition leaders.

Their music depicts the black anti-apartheid struggle, detention and torture, right-wing

extremists, police informers and other sensitive issues.

Pretoria sometimes steps in to ban "resistance art which creates an emotionally explosive situation, a spirit of revolt and actors engaged in seditious theatre."

But although the government may ban a song from state radio stations, it gets aired at live shows, meaning that the curtain is never brought down on the stage of musical protest.

"I marry the two — politics and music. There is a part of me that lives in my own community and the pain and suffering of our children who want to be free and who are prepared to fight for their freedom," Phiri said.

Phiri said Stimela's latest albums, "Trouble In The Land Of Plenty" and "The Unfinished Story" search for the truth in the confusion of today's South Africa.

The people know the answers. Only some extra effort, some creativity and more love and unity is needed to clear up the mess," he said.

Phiri is proud to be among locals who have helped to popularise South African music abroad...

He teamed up with US superstar Paul Simon on the world tour to promote the album "Graceland", one of the major factors in whetting the international appetite for South African music.

Another highlight was the France Zoulo tour of France last year in which Phiri, along with dozens of South African musicians, wowed French audiences.

One enthusiastic French newspaper, wrote: "Stimela is one of the greatest groups on the planet."

"It was an educating experience. It was the best thing that could happen to South African music, because when you play alongside someone like Paul Simon, you know the world is going to listen," Phiri said.

"I don't have any political inclinations, but I think that growing up in a society that is not really same, you grow up understanding politics but not knowing it," he added.

Another South African artist, Sipho Mahluse, sees a gradual departure from highly forgettable "bubblegum" music to sounds with a heavy political message.

Mahluse was banned by the state South African Broadcasting Corporation after recording a song in praise of jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela.

"I had been subtly doing some political stuff, but not as radical as now. I was a pacifist then and most of my music was moderate stuff," Mahluse said.

John Clegg, a Zulu-speaking white musician who is perhaps South Africa's best-known musician abroad, believes artists should sing about their own experiences rather than mouth bland international lyrics.

Clegg last year spent months touring. Now he and his band Savuka have returned for a brief tour of South Africa, where his appeals for racial unity seem to be hitting home more than ever before.



Up above the world

Austria's Andreas Feider enjoys a free view of the city of Innsbruck as he practises for a ski-jumping competition. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Have a memory jog through the world of films

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): The 1980s were memorable for motion picture and television fans, but fame is fleeting and a memory jog might be a good way to start the 1990s.

Here's a quiz for knowledgeable and not-so knowledgeable filmgoers and couch potatoes (answer at end of test):

1. Who bought Columbia Pictures?

A. Marvin Davis, B. Ted Turner, C. Sony Corp.

2. Name Warren Beatty's girlfriend's ex-husband

A. Marlon Brando, B. Sean Penn, C. Jimmy Bakker

3. Which movie won the 1985 Oscar for best picture?

A. Out of Africa, B. Plaza C. Amadeus

4. Who starred in the title role of "The Elephant Man?"

A. William Hurt, B. John Hurt, C. John Heard

5. Which actress cried at the Oscars "you like me?"

A. Vanessa Redgrave, B. Sally Field C. Shirley MacLaine

6. Who starred in the biggest bomb of the 1980s?

A. Sylvester Stallone and Dolly Parton, B. Kris Kristofferson and Christopher Walken, C. Warren Beatty and Dustin Hoffman

7. Which 1980s TV show won

the most No 1 ratings?

A. "The Cosby Show", B. "Family Ties", C. "Alf"

8. Who played the most talked-about sex scene?

A. Kathleen Turner, B. Michelle Pfeiffer, C. Rob Lowe

9. What male star's films grossed the most in the '80s?

A. Eddie Murphy, B. Sylvester Stallone, C. Harrison Ford

10. Which actor lost out on playing James Bond?

A. Woody Harrelson, B. Pierce Brosnan, C. Jeremy Irons

11. Which actress did not appear undraped in Playboy?

A. Madonna, B. Roseanne Barr, C. Linda Evans

12. Which actress was divorced?

A. Jane Fonda, B. Meredith Baxter, C. Debra Winger

13. Which unmarried actress had a baby?

A. Goldie Hawn, B. Jessica Lange, C. Farrah Fawcett

14. Name the only actress nominated for four Oscars in the 1980s.

A. Jessica Lange, B. Meryl Streep, C. Sissy Spacek

15. Which divorced stars remarried in the decade?

A. Don Johnson and Melanie Griffith, B. Sylvester Stallone and Brigit Nielsen, C. Barbara Streisand and Elliott Gould

16. Who won best actress Oscar in 1987?

A. Glenn Close, B. Sigourney Weaver, C. Jodie Foster

17. Who played the title role in "Gandhi?"

A. F. Murray Abraham, B. Ben Kingsley, C. Michael J. Fox

18. Which film was the biggest money-maker of the decade?

A. E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial", B. "Batman" C. "Surf Nazis Must Die"

19. Which actor did Gregory Peck replace in "Old Gringo?"

A. Bert Convy, B. Burt Lancaster, C. Burt Reynolds

20. Johnny Carson feuded with which comedienne?

A. Joan Rivers, B. Phyllis Diller, C. Bette Midler

21. Which star served jail time?

A. Zsa Zsa Gabor, B. Sean Penn, C. Bruce Willis

22. Which star did not have to worry about a palimony suit?

A. Clint Eastwood, B. Michael Jackson, C. William Hurt

23. Name the celeb elected mayor of Palm Springs

A. Chevy Chase, B. Andy Griffith, C. Sonny Bono

24. Who banned nuclear weapons in Malibu?

A. Martin Sheen, B. Charlie Sheen, C. Emilio Estevez

25. Which deceased film star became the subject of a movie?

A. Warner Oland, B. John Belushi, C. Elmo Lincoln

26. Who was the eldest working star of the 80s?

A. Clint Eastwood, B. Michael Jackson, C. George Burns

27. Which actor did not play a prize fighter?

A. Sylvester Stallone, B. Robert DeNiro, C. Arnold Schwarzenegger

28. Which actor was twice nominated for best supporting

actor?

A. Jack Palance, B. Charles Durning, C. Vincent Gardenia

29. Which British star returned to live in England?

A. Sean Connery, R. Roger Moore, C. Michael Caine

30. Judy Garland's "Wizard Of Oz" ruby slippers sold for?

A. 165, B. 1,650, C. 165,000

Answers: 1 (C), 2 (B), 3 (A), 4 (B), 5 (B), 6 (B), 7 (A), 8 (A), 9 (C), 10 (B), 11 (B), 12 (A), 13 (A), 14 (B), 15 (A), 16 (C), 17 (B), 18 (A), 19 (B), 20 (A), 21 (B), 22 (B), 23 (C), 24 (A), 25 (B), 26 (C), 27 (C), 28 (C), 29 (C), 30 (C).

Critics, on the other hand, don't nominate. They declare winners.

The campaign on television and in the man domain of sports papers was the response of the government's Institute for Women to a study showing that despite 15 years of democracy and nearly a decade of socialism, Spanish men have not shaken off "machismo."

"Although important changes are taking place for women in certain sectors, such as in salaried jobs, it's all happening in the public world, outside the home," said Carmen Martinez Ten, director of the institute.

"But indoor changes are either not coming or are doing so very slowly," she said.

The institute polled 1,400 men aged 18 to 65 and found that although the majority expressed relatively progressive views, six out of ten never did domestic chores.

White Spanish men are stuck in a sexist rut, women have progressed in leaps and bounds since Francisco Franco's dictatorship ended in 1975.

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# Chesnokov survives first-round scare Guy stuns Mecir in opener

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Jan 9, (Reuter): Steve Guy of New Zealand scored the biggest victory of his career when he upset Czechoslovakia's Miloslav Mecir 6-3 6-3 in the first round of the \$150,000 New Zealand Open tennis tournament.

In another first round match, 21-year-old West German Markus Zoelcke came close to dispatching top-seeded Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union.

Mecir, who has not played for a month, struggled to regain his form after badly scraping his foot during an Italian holiday. The Czechoslovak has slipped from his world number four ranking last year to 25.

Just before going on court, Guy's older brother told him to forget reputations and set his mind on playing a simple game of sound serving and accurate ground strokes.

Guy, ranked 209, did just that. Serving with speed and depth, he rushed to a 4-0 lead over Mecir, who last year was runner up to world number one Ivan Lendl in the Australian Masters.

When broken to 30 in the fifth



Chesnokov: aspapas defeat

game, Guy steadied and served to 5-2 with beautiful controlled

play. After yielding to Mecir's service, he won the set decisively.

losing only one point in the process.

Mecir broke Guy twice in the second set but the New Zealander, who admitted he had played nervously throughout the match, soon broke back and thrashed on to victory.

Mecir will not be a happy man as he leaves for Melbourne to play the first of the Grand Slam tournaments, the Australian Open, next week.

"I have not had enough practice," he said. "I think maybe I should have practised more."

Zoelcke, who just a few weeks ago was dancing to celebrate the breaching of the Berlin Wall in his native city, came close to celebrating even more wildly in his clash against Chesnokov.

Displaying an awesome power on service and off the ground, he went down 7-6 (7-5) 6-7 (4-7), 5-7 to the world number 18 only after a fierce struggle.

The score was a magnificent achievement by Zoelcke, only in his first year on the professional tour. He had spent the weekend playing three matches just to

qualify. In Sydney, world number one Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and West Germany's Boris Becker were left kicking their heels in frustration as heavy rain washed out play on the second day of the New South Wales Open tennis tournament.

Czechoslovakia's Lendl, who spent this morning playing scrabble, and world number two Becker had been hoping for match practice before the Australian Open in Melbourne starting next Monday.

Only three men's singles matches were completed on the opening day yesterday and the week-long tournament is now nine hours behind schedule.

Organisers have moved the start of play forward 90 minutes tomorrow in a bid to clear the backlog. Rain is also forecast for tomorrow.

The weather is a bitter blow to tournament officials who had assembled the strongest men's field in the tournament's history. Seven of the world's top 20 men's players are present in the 32-strong field.



Haines: won the last two meetings

## Haines triumphs twice

Bollig and Snell finish 2nd

DAVID HAINES (Halliburton) took first place in the last two meetings at the Ahmadi Kart Track. A sponsored "Turkey Trot" meeting by Pirelli Construction Company was easily snapped up by Haines with the non-appearance of main rivals Frieseneger and Snell plus an early retirement by Lloyd.

The Turkey Trot runner-up Bollig tried his best to keep in close touch with Haines but there was never any real challenge as Haines always managed to open a comfortable lead. Third placing for the day went to younger Wakely and fourth place to Gerrard Nicholson who with Wakely showed good promise.

The prize, one frozen turkey, was presented to each driver and the officials by Mrs Marianne Nicholson on behalf of Pirelli Construction Company.

In the first championship race of the new year Haines took first place in all five races in a commanding display of driving ability. Mike Snell took second place in the KNDL race with Lloyd third, Frieseneger (sponsored by the Mahdi Habib Commercial Est.) attempted to drive with a fractured wrist only to be plagued further by a number of engine problems which placed him well down in the results order.

With the field somewhat short of drivers due to many being out



Tom Bollig

Mike Snell

The exact race meeting is on January 19, 1990 and will include Round 2 of the ladies championship.

Standings to date:

	KNDL	ACC	Novice	Pts
Simon Lloyd	61	195	—	—
David Haines	61	160	—	—
P. Frieseneger	57	181	—	—
Mike Snell	48	174	—	—
Peter Wakely	43	124	—	—
Tom Bollig	39	158	—	—
Neil Gardner	33	96	—	—
John Wakely	31	55	—	—
Tom Colclough	17	64	—	—
Kieron Dick	13	15	—	—
K. Schwingen	10	27	—	—
Iain Stevenson	5	11	—	—

Lendl signs new 6-year contract worth \$15m

SYDNEY, Jan 9, (Reuter): Ivan Lendl signed a multi-million dollar tennis racquet and clothing contract with Japanese company Mizuno today, then announced he would use his old Adidas racquet at next week's Australian Open.

"It wouldn't be in anyone's best interests to swap before a big tournament like the Australian Open," the world's number one player said of his decision to stick with his Adidas racquet.

"At this stage of my career, it's very difficult to change my game, so it's a case of trying to adjust my racquet to me rather than me adjusting to the racquet."

"There are no problems with the racquet but it takes longer than two or three days to sort things out," he said, as again washed out the second day of the New South Wales Open.

Lendl, however, will be sporting the company's clothes and shoes when the Australian open, the first Grand Slam event of the 1990s, begins in Melbourne on Monday.

Mizuno's president Masato Mizuno said the six-year contract, believed by tennis insiders to be worth around \$15 million, was "reasonable for the world's number one player."

The company already provides equipment for a variety of sports stars ranging from Olympic champions Carl Lewis and Florence Griffith Joyner to Golfer Sandy Lyle and the All Blacks rugby team.

"Lendl, 29, has been contracted to West Germany's Adidas for the past decade, during which he has won 83 Grand Prix tournaments."

Former Wimbledon singles champions Pat Cash of Australia and Sweden's Stefan Edberg have agreed to team up in the men's doubles at the Australian Open.

Cash, making a comeback after rupturing an Achilles tendon last April, and Edberg have accepted a wildcard invitation after the Swede announced yesterday he was looking for a partner. Open organisers Tennis Australia said in a statement today.

Cash won the Wimbledon title in 1987. Edberg the following year. They won the Canadian Open together in 1987 but were involved in a controversial verbal exchange at the Australian open last year.

Before the match, which Edberg won despite suffering a serious back injury in the final game, the Swede accused Cash of "tanking" (throwing) a set in the previous round, an allegation the Australian angrily denied.

Edberg, who will be 24 during the tournament, won the men's singles title at the Australian Open in both 1985 and 1987.

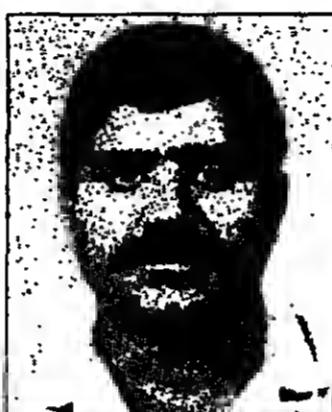
Israel's embassy in New Zealand condemned Israeli tennis player Amos Mansdorf today for saying he would have played in Nazi Germany had he lived then.

"For a Jewish person to say something like this about Nazi Germany, it is disgusting," First Secretary Zeev Luria said.

Mansdorf made his comment in Auckland in an angry denunciation of demonstrators who disrupted his first-round match at the New Zealand Open yesterday. The protesters targeted Mansdorf because he is on a United Nations blacklist for playing in South Africa.



Hafiz: played well



Salim: hit 83



Saeed: 96 runs

over, Salim's C.C. had no answer to the accurate bowling of Ali, Tahir and Jamil and they were restricted to 90 runs in 15 overs. Salim's C.C. could muster only 136 runs for 7 wickets thus giving a 60-run victory to Lahore Gym. The wickets were shared by Ali, Tahir, Muzher and Jamil.

■ YMCA scored two victories in the Good Year Cup, sponsored by Abdul Hadi Al Mailem, over the week. In the first match they beat Deccan Green by six wickets and in the second they crushed West Coasters by 130 runs.

■ West Coasters were bowled out for 69 in 15.4 overs. Archie was the top scorer with an unbeaten 30. Ahmed, Chris and Shabir took two wickets each.

■ National Cleaning Company has formed a cricket team under the patronage of their deputy general manager Rida Osman Hamid and marketing manager Baker Al-Nazer.

Wera Tunga has been appointed captain of the team which is undergoing vigorous practice and are looking forward to their next match on Friday. Following are the office bearers for the session 1989-90.

Chief patron - Rida O. Hamid; patron - Baker Al-Nazer; manager - Syed Ishaque Ahmed; team advisor - A.K. Ahmed; secretary - Salem Juman Baamran.

Other members of the team are: D.T.R. Wera Tunga (captain), Nizamuddin Chowdhury (vice captain), Salem Baamran, Malik M. Asghar, Noel Senviraine, Rajiit Fernando, Pieris, Ranjeet, Dilip, Ravi Silva, Lal, Nihal, Anura Shantha, Wasantha, Rajib Hassan, T. Reshan.



The National Cleaning team

## QMCC crush New Pak for Bhutto Trophy

QUAJID-E-MILLAT Cricket Club (QMCC) won the Bhutto Memorial Trophy when they beat New Pak Cricket Club by 162 runs in the final at the Khetan ground on Friday.

QMCC were given a further boost by Amjad Jr who hit a six and three fours in his 33. Razzak chipped in with 33 while Javed scored 24 and Qamar 23 as QMCC amassed 279 for the loss of eight wickets in their allotted overs.

Raza was quite severe on all the bowlers and scored 62 with the help of seven fours. Inam, however, played a patient innings and scored 56 runs. He hit only three fours.

In reply, New Pak had no answer to the accurate QMCC bowling and found the seven runs per over target too much for them. Amjad Sr, Amjad Jr and Ansar kept them tied down and the whole team was out for only 177 runs.

For New Pak, Muhsashir was the most successful bowler with four wickets while Sohail took three and Sakhawat Ali one.

For QMCC, Amjad Sr was the most successful bowler with three wickets for 23 in six overs. Ansar took two for 23 and Amjad Jr two for 10. Razzak and Jamil also claimed one wicket each.

After the match Haji Mohammed Afzal Noor, the president of the Pakistan Peoples Club (Kuwait and Gulf) gave away the prizes. QMCC skipper Raza received the trophy while the Man of the Match awards were taken by Amjad Jr (QMCC) and Muhsashir (New Pak).

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Raza (left) collects the winners trophy



Rana Imtiaz (left) receives a special award

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## Fintastics foil Fintas Flyers

IN A postponed Mouchel Wednesday Darts League fixture played this week, Fintas Flyers added to their impressive recent string of 2-4 defeats by just managing to repeat the feat again Fintastics.

Recording their 7th such result in the last 9 games, the Flyers very nearly went awry, when after three legs of the four singles matches, they after a 2-1 lead. First to the oche was Mike Amadeus Somersford facing Fintastics skipper Geoff Green, the former just squeaking home in the deciding leg. Curt Jorgenson then redressed the balance for the visitors by stuffing his oche Thomas on his own board without letting him even get a shot at a double.

Ricky Harrison's performance took him into a first leg lead, but a slight delay at the start of leg 2 due to the arrival of the caterers seemed to work in favour of Fintastics Dave Wetzel. On the resumption of play, he opened up with a 140 and took the leg comfortably. And just when it looked as though he could win the game, Harrison showed a good burst of speed to get in at the corner for a narrow win.

Fintastics star player, Jim Thompson, was then left the task of recording their 7th such result in the last 9 games. The Flyers were still in the lead after three legs of the four singles matches, but Thompson hit the oche to earn the Fintastics at least a point. In the final leg, the Somersford twins made sure that the Flyers run continued, narrowly staying behind Wetzel and Jorgenson all the way to a Fintastics victory.

As Fintastics are still in with a chance of honours in the Ladies League there was no mercy shown to Fintas Flyers. Julie Duhneywitz had a 10 and Jenny Thompson 2 scoring MM frames as all four Fintas girls played well in whitewashing their opponents 4-0, a victory that moves them up to 8th in the table with a game still in hand.

As games re-start today after the mid-winter break, the top four teams will begin to feel the pressure. With Has Beans and Soweto Slingers tied on points at the top, Miss Away and Chuckers must look to chip away at the gap, whilst at the same time remaining aware of the chasing pack beneath them. Has Beans success has been earned by maintaining the best singles matches results, having lost only 9 of their 44 starts, whereas Slingers have the best Micky Mouse record with only 3 defeats in 22 games played.

The Ladies League is even more fiercely contested, as only two points separate the top six teams, and with many of the top sides still to meet, it would take a brave man or woman to predict the final outcome. Without doubt though, the team of the moment are Barbed Comments, who have won 7 straight games, and if they can maintain their momentum following the 3 week lay off, they should comfortably keep a place in the top three.

## Kuwaiti boxers in Karachi

ISLAMABAD, Jan 9, (Kuna): A 5-member Kuwaiti boxing team yesterday arrived in Karachi to participate in the Karachi Electric Supply Corporation (Kesc) International Boxing Championship.

The officials APP news agency quoted the coach of the Kuwaiti boxing team Hens Peter Thomas in a press interview as saying that the team's visit to Karachi was

to prepare for the Asian Games due to be held later this year in China.

The six-nation championship, in which Pakistan, Nepal, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, South Korea and Kuwait are participating, was due to be inaugurated later tonight by the governor of Sind province, Fakhruddin G. Ibrahim. About 20 bouts were listed for the night.

## De Silva pleads guilty to rough behaviour

SYDNEY, Jan 9, (Reuters): Sri Lanka's Aravinda de Silva apologised and pleaded guilty to a breach of the player's code of behaviour after an angry barging match with a Tasmanian bowler, the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) said today.

De Silva, captain in the three-day match, and Tasmanian fast bowler Rod Tucker had to be separated by the umpires and Tasmanian captain Dirk Wellham

after a scuffle on the final day of the tour match which ended in a draw yesterday.

De Silva appeared to run into Tucker after hitting an on drive. After running three, De Silva returned to the bowler's end where the two began pushing and grabbing each other as an angry Tucker grabbed his finger at the diminutive Sri Lankan batsman.

"Wellham made a complaint to the code

of behaviour commission who convened a meeting. Aravinda pleaded guilty after apologising on the field and later in the meeting," ACB spokesman Ian McDonald said by telephone.

"The ACB has no jurisdiction over De Silva because he is not Australian so (any punishment) is in their court," McDonald said. Wellham made his complaint after the umpires said they would not report the

incident.

Sri Lankan manager Nisal Senaratne said by telephone from Adelaide, where the touring side start a three-day match against the Australian cricket Academy tomorrow, that he had investigated the incident involving De Silva, Player of the Series in the two Tests against Australia.

"I've been investigating it but no one saw it," Senaratne said.

### SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

#### Joint Games

BONN, Jan 9, (Reuters): Hopes of staging a historic joint Olympic Games in East and West Berlin, nurtured in the dust and debris of the Berlin Wall, have been boosted by important pledges of support. The city of Hamburg said today it was withdrawing its bid to host the 2000 or 2004 Games to switch its support to Berlin. East Germany's National Olympic Committee (NOC) gave official approval to the project at a meeting last weekend, and West Berlin officials now want the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to discuss a joint bid at a meeting later this year.

#### Reagan honoured

DALLAS, Jan 9, (AP): Former President Ronald Reagan has received the highest honour of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the major US college sports body, at a dinner last night. "Nancy has my football sweater from Eureka College and wait until I come home with this," Reagan told an audience of 2,000. The choice of Reagan for the "Teddy Award" wasn't popular among some college sports administrators, who felt he hurt women's athletics.

#### Kifco Trophy

BOTH the semifinals of Kifco Trophy Cricket Tournament will be played at NC Ground Sabah Al Salem area on Friday January 12. In the morning match Evergreen face New Pak and in the afternoon Kifco meet their traditional rivals Starlite. The morning match will start at 9.00 am whereas the afternoon match will start at 1.00 pm. Kifco Trophy is sponsored by Kuwait International Finance Company (Kifco) and organised by the Kuwait Cricket League.

#### NBA Games

NEW YORK, Jan 9, (Reuters): Results of National Basketball Association (NBA) games played yesterday.

Orlando 111 San Antonio 102

Philadelphia 120 Indiana 116

Dallas 110 Seattle 96

Milwaukee 121 Charlotte 113

Golden State 139 Denver 122

Portland 108 Sacramento 96

#### Eclipse award

NEW YORK, Jan 9, (Reuters): Sunday Silence, winner of three-of-four

dramatic duels with Easy Goer in major horse races last year, was yesterday named winner of the Eclipse award as the nation's outstanding three-year-old thoroughbred.

#### Tigers president

DETROIT, Jan 9, (Reuters): Bo Schembechler, who resigned after 21 years of coaching the University of Michigan football team, was named president and chief operating officer of baseball's Detroit Tigers yesterday.

#### Nagurski dies

INTERNATIONAL FALLS, Minnesota, Jan 9, (UPI): Bronko Nagurski, the prototypical bone-crushing fullback who struck fear in the hearts of opposing players in the early days of football, died of natural causes Sunday night. He was 81.

RESULTS of the 15th week of the Dunhill Bridge Tournament, held at the Messiah Beach Hotel on Monday, January 8, 1990, are as follows:

N/S

1. Avi & Mukherjee

2. Rita & Bines

3. Walkewicz & Wardeck

4. Moussalli & Baz

5. E/W

6. Medhat & Sabek

7. Mrs Sae & Shah

8. Dreicer & Carsten

## Pakistan draw match

### Mansoor, Miandad and Shoaib shine



Javed Miandad

BRISBANE, Australia, Jan 9, (Reuters): Pakistan's batsmen used the second innings of their drawn four-day cricket match against Queensland today for some valuable practice before February 10, and lost a three-day match against Western Australia was optimistic about the three-Test series.

The touring side, who were bowled out for 257 in their first innings, scored 307 for six in their second in reply to Queensland's 436 for eight declared as the match ended 30 minutes early.

Resuming at eight without loss, Pakistan kept pace with the clock as runs came in even time.

Mansoor Akhtar, batting at number three, hit the top score of 74, former captain Javed Miandad was unbeaten on 55 and opener Shoaib Mohammad made 52.

Scoreboard

PAKISTAN first innings 257 (Javed Miandad 77 M. Polzin five for 56)

QUEENSLAND first innings 436 for eight declared (G. Foley 155, G. Ritchie 123, S. Storey 54)

PAKISTAN second innings (overnight eight for no wicket)

Aamir Malik c Ritchie b Polzin ..... 14

Shoaib Mohammed c Clifford b Polzin ..... 52

Mansoor Akhtar c Cantrell b Polzin ..... 74

Javed Miandad not out ..... 55

Saeed Anwar c Smart b Carew ..... 25

Imran Khan c Law b Foley ..... 21

Saleem Yousuf not out ..... 21

Extras (b-2 lb-3 nb-5) ..... 10

Total (for six wickets) ..... 307

Fall of wickets: 1-28 2-115 3-165 4-194 5-233 6-266

Did not bat - Abdul Qadir, Waqar Younis, Asquib Javed.

Bowling: Polzin 18-3-60-2, Carew 21-6-65-1, Hackemann 9-2-22-0, Storey 15-4-67-0 (1nb), Cantrell 14-3-46-2, Foley 10-0-28-4 (4nb), Law 13-0, Healy 1-0-1.

## Players 'sick of soccer'

A BOUT of mid-season "soccer sickness" has surfaced in Italy and Spain, with Brazilian strikers Careca and Baltazar among the main victims.

Napoli's Careca has been well below his best recently and Atletico Madrid's Baltazar has been rehired for his gloomy outlook.

Most of the top players in Italy are playing twice a week this season due to domestic and European commitments and warm-up matches before the World Cup in June and Careca appears to be suffering from his club's increased workload.

#### Warned

He is likely to stay on the bench for the League leaders' Italian Cup tie against Bologna on Wednesday and Napoli coach Alfredo Bigon has warned his other players they must improve after a series of unconvincing performances.

On Sunday, the team were subjected to a rare outburst of jeering and whistling from their usually loyal fans after struggling to beat lowly Ascoli 1-0 only a week after crashing to their first League

defeat of the season.

"I don't want to punish anyone but if a player isn't able to offer his best then he will have to make room for others," said Bigon, with Careca clearly in mind.

Napoli and Italy international striker Andrea Carnevale said he had suffered a period last year when he felt "sick of soccer" and it seemed as if the Brazilian felt that way now.

"I could hardly find the energy to turn up for training, I think the same is happening with Careca," he said.

"(Fernando) de Napoli is another player who hasn't had a break this season. Taking a rest might do him good, too," Carnevale said. Defender Marco Baroni is likely to be the third man ordered to take a break for his own good.

In Spain, Baltazar joined a row with Atletico Madrid coach Javier Clemente and Portuguese international Paula Futre over the team's performance against Real Madrid on Sunday.

Baltazar, who was injured during the game but has recovered sufficiently to train, said the 3-1 defeat had effectively ended Atletico's chances of winning the League — a comment that earned him a sharp rebuke from Clemente.

"I understand he is discouraged...but I don't like my players to say this. I am telling them and telling Baltazar that we shall win the League if we win all the games left to play."

Roma midfielder Lionello Manfredonia, who collapsed with heart failure in a match at Bologna 10 days ago, was another man in need of a holiday as he left hospital yesterday.

"At the moment Lionello is thinking of getting better. Then in a few months time he will see whether it's appropriate to take up soccer again," his wife Carmine said.

#### Contract

Giovanni Trapattoni, who guided Internazionale Milan to a record-breaking League title last season, has said he is renewing his management contract with the club until 1992.

And at Real Madrid, Alfredo di Stefano — one of the club's all-time greats — has been appointed adviser to president Ramon Mendoza with public relations duties. He will represent Real on official occasions.

Scotland captain Roy Aitken had decided on a move from Glasgow Celtic to English Second Division Newcastle after turning down a new four-year contract and a £100,000 (\$160,000) cash incentive to stay.

"I'm leaving Celtic for personal reasons which are no fault of anyone at the club," he said after the £500,000 (\$800,000) transfer had been finalised.

"I want to move for the benefit of my wife and children."

Graf aims to guard against complacency

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan 9, (AP): Steffi Graf is the number one woman in tennis, losing only 13 matches since 1986. But she says it's getting harder to stay in top form, and wants to guard against complacency.

The West German whiz currently is practicing in Melbourne for the Australian Open championships, which begin Monday at the National Tennis Centre.

Graf, only 20 years old herself, said she believed her younger rivals were getting a lot "tougher."

"All of them are working more and improving," she said.

"It has never been easy but there were some easy matches in the beginning of tournaments."

"The younger ones are coming up and they want to get in there and show they can play," she said.

Graf will be defending her Australian Open title against opponents like Gabriela Sabatini, Martina Navratilova, Arantxa Sanchez, and Monica Seles are among those who have opted to bypass the first Grand Slam event of the year.

"On hardcourts Gabriela Sabatini, Helena Sukova and Jana Novotna are going to be tough to play," Graf said.

During a wide-ranging press conference, her only one before the open, Graf said her most rewarding experience was "becoming world number one. That was a special day for me. I didn't know about it until my father told me."

The collapse of the Berlin Wall and events in East Germany and the Eastern Bloc countries: "I've never been there (to East Berlin) but the best tennis players have never had a chance to play outside."

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For BKME, Ronny Jr had analysis of 2 for 8 in 4 overs, Tariq 1 for 5 off 3 overs, Salim 2 for 9 in 4 overs, Sethi 2 for 22 off 4 overs and Ayoub 1 for 6 off one over.

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Marsh: to play in first Test

## Australia recall Marsh for Test

MELBOURNE, Jan 9, (Reuters): Australia reunited the top order which helped crush England 4-0 in 1988 Ashes series when it recalled opener Geoff Marsh today for the first cricket Test match against Pakistan starting on Friday.

Marsh, Australia's vice captain, missed the single Test against New Zealand and two Tests against Sri Lanka after breaking his toe in practice on the eve of the New Zealand game in Perth.

His replacement, Western Australian teammate Tom Moody, appeared to have cemented his spot with 61 against New Zealand and its debut Test century in the first Sri Lankan Test.

But an indifferent performance in the second Test coincided with Marsh, 31, hitting an unbeaten 355 in his comeback match against South Australia and the selectors have opted for Marsh's experience against the highly-rated Pakistanis.

Leg-spinner Peter Sleip is retained for the Melbourne game, the first of a three-Test series.

Pakistan won the last series between the two sides in 1988 1-0 while Australia took their last home series 2-0 against Imran Khan's side in 1983-84.

Squad: Allan Border (captain), Geoff Marsh, David Boon, Mark Taylor, Dean Jones, Steve Waugh, Ian Healy, Peter Sleip, Greg Campbell, Cari Rackemann, Merv Hughes, Terry Alderman.

## Unity beat Independent

UNITY Hockey Club beat Kuwait Independent Gold by a solitary goal in a Frankie Memorial Cup tournament at the Al Ahmadi ground on Friday.

On the same day, Flying Arrows held Al Hilal to a goalless draw in an Al Mulla League match while Starworld and Pak XI achieved the same result in another match of the same tournament.

And in the Sharma Trophy, Cosmos overcame Kuwait Independent Black in a tie-breaker.

Unity attacked Independent from the start and got a number of chances to score but their forwards finished poorly. The only goal of the match came through